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MINUTES OF SYNOD.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, NOV. 8, 1855.

The members composing the Thirty Second Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and Adjacent States, assembled, according to appointment, at Bethlehem Church, Newberry District, South Carolina.

In consequence of the inclemency of the weather the Synodical Sermon was postponed, and Synod was called to order, and opened with singing and prayer by the President.

The roll being called, the following clerical members responded to their names :

ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT.

- 1 Rev. N. ALDRICH,* Graniteville, South Carolina.
- 2 " J. B. ANTHONY, Sandy Run, "
- 3 " J. BACHMAN, D. D. L. L. D. Charleston, South Carolina.
- 4 " J. H. BAILEY, Lexington, South Carolina.
- 5 " C. F. BANSEMER, Walhalla, "
- 6 " L. BEDENBAUGH, Haralson, Georgia.
- 7 " Prof. W. BERLY, Lexington, South Carolina.
- 8 " G. D. BERNHEIM, Charleston, "
- 9 " T. S. BOINEST,† Pomaria, "
- 10 " E. A. BOLLES,† Newberry, "
- 11 " S. BOUKNIGHT, Leesville, "
- 12 " E. CAUGHMAN, Germanville, "
- 13 " E. DUFFORD, Fort Motte, "
- 14 " Prof. L. EICHELBERGER, D. D. Lexington, South Carolina.
- 15 " E. ELMORE, Haralson, Georgia.
- 16 " G. R. HAIGLER, Orangeburg, South Carolina.
- 17 " G. HALTIWANGER, Springfield, Georgia.
- 18 " E. B. HORT, Columbia, South Carolina.
- 19 " W. A. HOUCK,† Poplar, "
- 20 " R. J. HUNGERPELER,† Newberry C. H., South Carolina.
- 21 " P. KISTLER, Walker's P. O., "
- 22 " A. W. LINDLER, Germanville, "

* Agent of the American Tract Society for the State of South Carolina.

† " " " Bible " " " "

† Ordained at the present meeting of Synod.

- 23 Rev. J. B. LOWMAN, Pleasant Springs, South Carolina.
 24 " J. P. MARGART, Pomaria, "
 25 " J. MOSER, Hope Station, "
 26 " L. MULLER, Charleston, "
 27 " M. RAUCH, Germanville, "

LICENTIATES PRESENT.

- 1 Rev. J. AUSTIN, Springfield, Georgia.
 2 " B. F. BERRY, Countsville, South Carolina.
 3 " D. SHEELY, Rockville, Lexington dist., South Carolina.
 4 " J. H. W. WERTZ, Germanville, "
 5 " C. H. BERNHEIM. §
 6 " J. HAWKINS. §

The following were absent :

ORDAINED MINISTERS ABSENT—Excused.

- 1 Rev. S. W. BEDENBAUGH, || Hamburg, Georgia.
 2 " W. EPPING, Savannah, Georgia.
 3 " R. GODFREY, " "
 4 " A. J. KARN, " "
 5 " J. KLECKLY, || Hamburg, "
 6 " H. SToudenMIRE, Claiborne, Monroe Co., Ala.

The certificates of Lay-Delegates being now called for, the following brethren were admitted as members of the present Synod :

LAY DELEGATES.

G. Muller, M. D.	from	Rev. J. B. Anthony's	charge.
Mr. D. Biemann,*	"	" C. F. Bansemer's	"
" W. F. Nigels,	"	" G. D. Bernheim's	"
" H. H. Riser,	"	" S. Bouknight's	"
Capt. J. H. Counts,	"	" J. H. Bailey's	"
Mr. H. Caughman,	"	" E. Caughman's	"
" D. Huffman,	"	" E. Dufford's	"
" J. W. Barber,	"	" G. R. Haigler's	"
" J. Snider,	"	" G. Haltiwanger's	"
" C. Neuffer,	"	" E. B. Hort's	"
" A. Wertz,	"	" A. W. Lindler's	"
" J. Hiller,	"	" J. B. Lowman's	"
" W. W. Boozer,	"	" J. P. Margart's	"
" J. Setzler,	"	" J. Moser's	"
" J. H. Kalb,	"	" L. Muller's	"
" H. Gallman,	"	" T. S. Boinest's,	"
" Jos. Carr,	"	" W. A. Houck's	"
" H. Rikard,	"	" R. J. Hungerpeler's	"
" J. T. Thomas,	"	" A. J. Karn's	"
" J. Lorick,	"	" Prof. W. Berly's	"
" F. C. Blum,	"	" Dr. J. Bachman's	"

§ Licensed at the present meeting of Synod.

|| Letters of excuse received after the adjournment of Synod.

* Admitted as a commissioner until the church at Walhalla was received into Synod.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF SYNOD.

Mr. S. Corley, Treasurer of Synod.

" Jos. Wingard, " Seminary.

" P. Todd, M. D. " Widow's Fund.

The President read his Annual Report, which was received, and laid on the table to be referred to a committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

BELOVED BRETHREN!—By the ever watchful care of our Heavenly Father, we have been permitted to meet again. The toils, conflicts, sufferings and deaths, as well as our faithfulness, or unfaithfulness in the performance of our responsible duties, all stand recorded in Heaven's unerring chancery.

The steady, but imperceptible tide of time leaves its daily monitions. The unexpected changes that take place around us, the sudden transitions from time to eternity, the continual waste in our bodies, and the steady and incessant march to our final account, should stand as constant monitors, urging us to faithfulness.

We are happy in being able to state, that the lives of all the ministers connected with this Synod have been spared during another year. This is a great mercy, and more than we can expect, when we consider our number and the comparative length of human life.

The heavy pressure in financial affairs, which has been felt from one end of the country to the other, no doubt has exerted its influence upon the church. The treasury of the Lord, we fear, will suffer more, in proportion than it should, retrenchments made upon it, when the cause of God is groaning, and in many places lying mangled and bleeding for help. Charity and benevolence are inseparably interwoven with the system of christianity, and the pulsations of the heart, brought under its saving influence, when properly enlightened, will beat in unison with all its fundamental principles. With the return of an abundant harvest, we hope that suitable returns will be made to the Lord.

We rejoice to know that great improvements have been made, that our people have more enlightened views on the various benevolent enterprises of the day, that there is a continued growing christian intelligence, and that the wants of the church lay hold of the hearts of many members, and are answered in corresponding acts; yet we should press onwards in the discharge of our high mission, as a christian church, for much remains to be done.

1. ORDINATIONS.

In compliance with a resolution of the ministerium, Rev. L. Muller, Rev. A. J. Karn and myself, conferred the right of ordination upon Rev. Wilhelm Epping, in the Lutheran church in Savannah, on the first Sabbath in Jan. last. Bro. Muller preached the ordination Sermon in German, to a large and attentive audience; after which the usual form was read in the same language, and the right conferred according to the usages of the Evangelical Lutheran church.

The committee appointed to examine Rev. C. D. Austin, in view of ordination, reports through Bro. Brown as follows:

"The committee which was appointed to examine Rev. C. D. Austin, attended to their duty, in their judgment, he possessed the requisite qualifications to be ordained. We accordingly proceeded to ordain him on Sunday the 22d day of July, 1855, in New Hope church."

The chairman further states:

"Whereas the above act was performed under the authority of the ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States, we expect said Synod or ministerium to present Rev. C. D. Austin with the proper authority as a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ."

The conclusion is correct, that the ordination certificate must emanate from this body.

2. LETTERS OF DISMISSAL.

Some time after the rising of last Synod, I addressed a letter of honorable dismissal to Rev. D. I. Dreher, who had taken charge of the Lutheran church in Concord, N. C., that he might unite with the Synod within whose bounds he was laboring.

Rev. J. D. Stingley, who removed to Mississippi, under date Jan. 20th, 1855, Rev. G. F. Guebner, who removed to Illinois, under date July 27th 1855, and Rev. P. A. Strobel, who removed to New York, under date Sept. 8th, 1855, each asked and obtained letters of dismission, that they might unite with those Synods within whose bounds they were called to labor. Brother Guebner leaves with many expressions of gratitude and love to us as a Synod. His field of usefulness is very promising.

3. INSTALLATION.

According to a standing resolution of this body, I appointed Dr. Bachman, Dr. Eichelberger and Rev. J. B. Anthony, a committee to install Rev. T. S. Boinest as Pastor in Luther chapel at Newberry C. H. on the 2d Sabbath in December last, but owing to some delay, the letter containing the appointment was not received in time, and the installation service was not performed.

I also appointed Dr. Eichelberger, Prof. Berly, and Rev. J. B. Anthony, a committee to install Rev. J. P. Margart at St. Paul's church, Newberry dist., on the 3d Sabbath in May; which was attended to by Dr. Eichelberger at the appointed time.

4. VACANCIES AND SUPPLIES.

Rev. T. S. Boinest resigned the pastoral charge of St. Luke's and Colony, that he might give more of his time to Luther Chapel and Bethlehem, which vacancy was immediately supplied by Rev. J. P. Margart, who has also taken into his pastoral field, St. Paul's and St. John's on Broad River, Lex. dist.

The two last vacancies were occasioned by the removal of bro. Stingley to Mississippi. This field is too extensive for one Pastor to cultivate successfully. It would be well for the brethren composing this large and populous charge to take into consideration the propriety of forming two separate Pastorates.

Rev. R. J. Hungerpeler has taken into his charge Liberty Hill, which stood vacant last year. This congregation has acted wisely in uniting again with Beth Eden in sustaining the same Pastor.

Rev. E. Dufford, under the direction of the Missionary Society, has taken charge of Jerusalem church in St. Stephen's Parish. This church is composed of a small band of pious brethren, who moved from St. Matthew's, and organized themselves into a Society, built a church, and held meetings among themselves for several years, having no one statedly to break unto them the bread of life. We are happy to state that their spiritual wants are now supplied by bro. Dufford.

Rev. J. Austin became co-pastor at Ebenezer, Ga., on the first of last Jan., to supply a want which has been felt for several years. The charge is now proceeding to erect a second parsonage. These people from year to year are imbibing more and more the spirit of their noble ancestors, and an enlarged and enlightened sense of christian benevolence characterizes their conduct.

5. CHURCH EXTENSION.

Luther chapel, in the town of Newberry, under the pastoral charge of bro. Boinest, was dedicated on the 2d Sabbath in December last by Dr. Bachman, assisted in the services connected therewith by several other brethren.

This church cost over four thousand dollars, all of which was covered, when dedicated, either by cash or subscription, except about nine hundred dollars. This is doing well and is worthy of imitation.

In the city of Savannah, a lot has been procured for a German Lutheran congregation, and efforts are now being made to carry on the work to completion. This enterprise should not fail, and will not, if we as a church do our duty. There are too many souls that will not be cared for, only through German instrumentality. Bro. Epping is an energetic and laborious young man, who with praiseworthy self-denial for the good of souls, is giving his energies and talents to the prosecution of the good work.

Bro. L. Bedenbaugh is making efforts to build a church on Line creek about four miles from where he resides. He has organized with eleven members, and thinks the prospect pretty good for enlarging his pastorate.

St. John's church in Sumpter Co. Ga., under the pastoral care of Rev. S. W. Bedenbaugh, was dedicated in the early part of this year by Rev. P. A. Strobel.

Rev. Messrs. Brown, Sheppard, Stingley, Austin and Warner, with their lay-delegation met in convention, at New Hope church, Attala Co. Miss., on 22d of July, 1855, to organize a new Lutheran Synod. After attending to the necessary preliminaries, they organized under the title of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Miss. They elected Rev. G. H. Brown, President, Rev. C. D. Austin, Secretary, and Mr. J. Rauch, Treasurer. These brethren with a small communion, in reliance upon divine assistance, have thus planted the standard of Lutheranism in Mississippi. Our fostering care should still be extended to them. They are still one of us; and with a proper understanding, should it be necessary, we can sustain missionaries there without creating any difficulties within each other's Synodical bounds. They desire to be connected with us by mutually reciprocating a corresponding delegate. It will be well for this body to consult the propriety of their wish. And if a plan can be agreed upon, by which they would be entitled to a representation in the Board of Directors, it would mutually strengthen each body, and promote the general interests of the church. I submit these reflections for the action of this body.

6. CLASSICAL AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

This Institution is still the subject of anxious thought. During the past Synodical year it has had a series of perplexing and embarrassing scenes to encounter; and when we consider its former condition, in contrast with what it now is, we learn that it passed through the storm and received but little injury. Adversity should teach us patience and perseverance; and for the accomplishment of a great and good cause, our aims should be elevated and our actions God-like. Many of the early founders of this School of the Prophets have gone to their eternal home. They have left for our management a sacred legacy; and great is our responsibility before God, as being indirectly the moulders of the eternal destiny of unborn spirits. Much reflection and prayerful deliberation are necessary, that God may not permit us to err in judgment on a subject of such vital importance. We are in hopes, that during the present Synodical meeting, we shall be able to come to such conclusions, as to the location, character, &c., of our Institution, as shall prove satisfactory to all, and put public mind at rest. Unless we can quiet the church and public mind, and gain their confidence and patronage, we are bound to sink, to rise no more, or at best, drag out a miserable, languishing existence.

The Board of Directors at a regular meeting on the 27th of last June, appointed a sub-committee, "whose duty it should be to receive proposals from such societies, and corporate bodies, as may be desirous to have said Institution located in their midst, stating the particulars of their offers." This committee will be able to lay before us at the proper time, such information as will be necessary to guide us to such results, as will promote the best interests of our Institution.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS.

While I would not wish a thought indulged, that I questioned the wisdom, or forethought of this body, but presuming upon your uniform kindness and forbearance, I would beg the privilege of bringing to your consideration, first, The Church Extension Society. This Society had its origin from the purest and best of motives. It is fraught with incalculable good, if its provisions can be carried out. It knows no north, no south, no east, no west, but professes to act the part of a kind parent to all its needy children, if we will but give it existence. Its provisions are also calculated to bind the church more closely together, by giving us a common interest, and prevent points of minor importance from driving us asunder. I think it the duty of the whole church to contribute its mite; and if the local condition of Synod will not permit it to contribute largely, some expression of sentiment is due the Society.

Second—"The Maryland Synod question" embodies a principle of sufficient importance for each Synod to give an expression of sentiment, by which the presiding officers may be guided in a similar case. We all agree that a brother has the right to withdraw from an ecclesiastical body, when he is in good standing, and unite with another, or become a lay-member; but we may differ, whether he has the right to demand a letter, recommending him *as a minister*, with an official signature, when he avows his intention *not to become connected with any ecclesiastical body*. The latter, as I understand the question, is the case in point. Though I do not believe the ministerium can create a principle, nor annul one, either good or bad, yet I view it *professedly*, as an *embodiment of principles that do exist*; and by our act we *recommend the man as the possessor of such principles, and in view of which certain rights and privileges are conferred*. This I think a protestant view. This being generally acknowledged by the church, I do not conceive how we can send forth a man, who is amenable to no Power for his doctrines and conduct, with an official recommendation from us. Beyond all doubt, we are accountable for our influence, and it is in view of this fact, more than any other, that I conceive it incompatible with ministerial regulations. The contrary course opens the door for anarchy, and all the wide spread evils resulting therefrom. The most consistent and proper course to be pursued, is for the connection to stand unbroken, until the applicant for dismission is received in connection with another spiritual power, and for this feature to be embraced in all letters of honorable dismission.

With all due deference I recommend these views to your consideration.

CONCLUSION.

With this my term of office ends. I thank you brethren, for the kindness and forbearance you have uniformly exercised towards me. That errors have been committed is nothing more than could have been expected, but rest assured, they have been those of the head and not of the heart. In deliberating upon the varied subjects, which will come before us for our consideration and action, let us remember that we are all brethren, and that difference in opinion should not divide our love, nor weaken christian regard. May the Spirit of our Master control all our hearts, and we with our charges, be owned by the Great Head of the church. Amen.

GEO. HALTIWANGER.

Rev. J. S. Heilich, Delegate from the N. Carolina Synod, presented his credentials and was received as a corresponding member.

The constitutional term of the former officers having expired, an election was held for officers for the ensuing term, which resulted as follows:

Rev. J. B. ANTHONY, President.

Rev. J. P. MARGART, Recording Secretary.

Rev. Prof. L. EICHELBERGER, D. D., Corresponding Secretary.

Mr. S. CORLEY, Treasurer of Synod,

Mr. Jos. WINGARD, Treasurer of Seminary.

P. TODD, M. D., Treasurer of Widow's Fund.

Letters and other Documents were now called for, and handed to the President to be referred to the respective committees.

Synod now adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.—Prayer by Rev. Dr. Bachman.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, Nov. 9th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod convened, and was opened with singing and prayer by the President.

The roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday were read, amended and adopted.

The President then appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. On Unfinished Business—Rev. Messrs. E. A. Bolles and E. B. Hort.

2. On the President's Report—Rev. N. Aldrich and L. Eichelberger, D. D.

3. On Letters and Petitions—Prof. Berly, Rev. Messrs. L. Bedenbaugh and S. Bouknight.

4. On Finances—1. Synodical Fund—Messrs. J. Wingard and F. C. Blum. 2. Seminary Fund—Mr. J. T. Thomas and Dr. P. Todd.

3. Widow's Fund—Dr. G. Muller and Mr. H. Gallman.

5. On the State of Religion—Rev. Messrs. G. R. Haigler and W. A. Houck.

Brothers C. H. Bernheim, J. Hawkins, P. Derrick and J. N. Derrick, Students of the Theological Seminary being present, were invited to seats as advisory members.

Rev. Dr. Eichelberger in the chair.

Rev. J. B. Anthony read the Report of the Committee on the Seal of Synod, which was unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON THE SEAL OF SYNOD.

The Committee appointed to procure a new Seal for this Synod begs leave to report that he has now completed the duty assigned him. A Seal and suitable Press with which to use it, have been made to order by Mr. John L. Frederick, of Philadelphia, a member of the Lutheran Church, and widely known as a skillful engraver.

The device was prepared by the committee after much thought upon the subject, and after having received the advice and aid of several brethren. As the Dove was the only figure in the old seal, its retention in the new one was early decided upon. Hence, the descending Dove with an olive branch in her beak, forms a prominent figure a little above the centre of the new seal. This is emblematic of the mildness, peacefulness, and affection of the church, and especially of the meekness which should adorn the ministerial character, and of the gracious operations and witnessing influences of the Holy Spirit. Be-

low the Dove and nearly in the centre is the open Bible with a fold lying on its left side, inscribed with the word "Pax" (peace.) Beginning on the right side of the inner margin just against the centre of the seal, and forming a semicircle over the Dove is the motto: "*Gladium Spiritus est verbum Dei*," Ep. 6, 17; that is, "*The Sword of the Spirit is the word of God*." By the Bible occupying so central and prominent a place, we are reminded that we belong to the Protestant Church of the Reformation, in which the Bible is received as the only sufficient rule both of our faith and practice. And by the Bible, the Dove and this Motto we are reminded that the great duty of Ministers is faithfully to preach the gospel, earnestly to invoke, and implicitly to rely upon the aid of the Holy Spirit to make his own truth effectual. Under the left corner of the Bible is the serpent raising his head in a threatening attitude. By this we are reminded that in our holiest christian duties we are menaced by a most subtle and cunning foe, ever "seeking whom he may devour." Corresponding with the presence of the dove and the serpent, beginning on the inner margin against the centre of the seal to the right of the figures and reading downward, forming a semicircle beneath, is the motto: "*Estote prudentes et simplices*," Mat. 10, 16; that is, *Be wise (as serpents) and harmless (as doves)*," which needs no further explanation.

As these figures symbolize our general principles as a christian body, so the small round figure immediately below the Bible, marks, by its historic connection, our character as a Lutheran Synod. It is Luther's Seal. As the symbols representing the great truths around which all christians of every name are gathered have been placed prominently above, so that which marks our denominational name and peculiarities is placed beneath and made subordinate to them. Luther designed by this seal to set forth the leading principles of his faith. It is thus explained by himself—A cross rests upon a heart as an emblem of cordial faith in the crucified Saviour, which enables it to bear its own crosses and sorrows. The heart rests upon a white rose as an emblem of the heavenly peace and joy which faith imparts, and is surrounded by a ring emblematic of eternity, through which its bliss is to endure. No other part of the central device needs explanation. The seal is completed by a contraction of the following words on the outer margin: "*Sigillum Synodi Ecclesie Evangelice Lutherane Carolinae Australis*." (Seal of the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Carolina.)

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. ANTHONY.

Rev. J. B. Anthony presented the Report of the Delegates to the General Synod, which was received.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The undersigned, one of the Delegates elected to attend the late General Synod in Dayton, Ohio, begs leave to report that he attended to the duty assigned him. He reached the place of meeting the day preceding its commencement, and was able to attend all the sessions, and to participate in all its deliberations. Three new Synods were admitted into connection, making the whole number twenty-three.

Respecting the Lutheran Publication Society, which you by resolution, authorized your delegates to take part in organizing, and of which you expressed your approbation, (see page 22 of last Minutes,) your Delegate could take no part in its organization as that had already been done some short time previously in Philadelphia, nor could he approve of the Society further than is expressed in the first resolution on the 25th page of the General Synod's Minutes. You will find matters inviting the attention of this Synod on the 12th, 25th and 26th, 20th, 21st and 50th, 22d and 61st, 53rd and 54th, and 58th pages of General Synod's Minutes. The meeting was as harmonious as could have been expected. Much time was taken up in transacting the business of the benevolent Societies, all of which appeared to be in a very prosperous condition.

The next convention of the General Synod, (which will be the 18th.) will be held in Reading, Penn., commencing at 9 o'clock, A. M., on the second Thursday in May, 1857.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. ANTHONY.

In connection with the Report the following resolution was adopted:
Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report on those items of the Minutes of the General Synod, referred to in the above Report.

Committee—Rev. Messrs. G. Haltiwanger and G. D. Bernheim.

The President resumed the Chair.

The Corresponding Secretary presented his Report, which was received and adopted.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Minutes of Sister Synods.

The Corresponding Secretary on the Minutes of Sister Synods, respectfully presents the following Report:

1. The General Synod—This body met at Dayton, Ohio, June 14th, 1855.—Twenty-three Synods, three of them new bodies, constituted the present Synod. Rev. A. H. Lochman, York, Pa., was elected President, and Rev. B. Sadtler, Middletown, Pa., Secretary. Its next meeting will be at Reading, Pa., on the second Thursday in May, 1857. Its proceedings show an encouraging spirit of christian activity and progress in the Church. For a more particular account of its proceedings you are referred to the delegates from this body appointed to attend it. Minutes received.

2. Synod and Ministerium of Pennsylvania—This body convened in Zion's Church, Harrisonburg, Pa., in Trinity week, from the 3d to the 7th June, 1855. Rev. J. C. Baker, D. D., President, Rev. A. T. Geisenheiner, Secretary. Its proceedings show this large body zealously engaged in the cause of Christ.—Minutes received.

3. West Pennsylvania Synod—This Synod met at Sheppersburg, Pa., Sept. 27, 1855. Rev. J. Ulrick, President, Rev. W. F. Eyster, Secretary. The new Central Synod of Pa. has been formed out of this body. It objected to making any change in the doctrinal basis of the church. Minutes of 1854 received.

4. East Pennsylvania Synod—This Synod met at Lebanon, Pa., Sept. 21, 1855. Rev. G. T. Muncy, President, Rev. B. Sadtler, Secretary. It adopted the following Preamble and Resolutions:

Whereas, an anonymous pamphlet, entitled "Definite Synodical Platform" has been very widely circulated in the church, and has been transmitted to the members of this Synod generally—and whereas, the inevitable tendency of this production is to agitate, distract and divide the church, by the introduction of changes of the gravest character in the confessional position, and ecclesiastical and fraternal relations of the various sections of the L. Church towards each other; And whereas, this Synod most deeply deprecates such an agitation, and recoils with mingled alarm and abhorrence from the intolerant and proscription principles here avowed, and proposed for introduction into the organic structure of our church by the adoption of such a creed, and its arbitrary enforcement upon pain of exclusion from church fellowship of all who will not sanction the system thus proposed. Therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby express our most unqualified disapprobation of this most dangerous attempt to change the doctrinal basis, and revolutionize the existing character of the Lutheran Churches now united in the General Synod, and that we hereby most solemnly warn our sister Synods against this dangerous proposition, and express our most earnest hope that none of them will either engage in or countenance such an agitation, but will use increased diligence "to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace," with their brethren in all parts of the Lutheran Church, who hold to the great evangeli-

cal doctrines of the reformation, that we may, if possible, be daily drawn more closely to each other in faith and love, and thus be prepared to labor more efficiently in all those high and holy enterprises for the edification of the church, and the conversion of the world to which the providence of God, and the plain teachings of the gospel direct us.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the *Lutheran Observer* and *Evangelical Lutheran*, and that a copy of them be sent to the several Synods in connection with the General Synod.

In regard to the question raised in the Maryland Synod, whether a letter of dismissal, granted to a Minister by the President of a Synod, absolved him from all ministerial responsibility to Synod, it decided that it did not; and that a Minister asking for a letter of dismissal and receiving it, should be held responsible to the Synod granting it, until he is formally received into another Synod. It resolved also to raise \$15,000 to endow another Professorship in Pa. College, and concurred unanimously in the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Schæffer, of Easton, Pa., as German Professor in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Minutes received.

5. Alleghany Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, met at Altona, Pa., October, 1854. Rev. A. Babb, President, Rev. W. Hopp, Secretary. Its last meeting was held Oct. 12, 1855. Minutes of 1854 received.

6. Pittsburg Synod met in the English Lutheran Church at Canton, Ohio, June 9th, 1855. Rev. A. C. Ehrenfield, President, Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Secretary. This Synod has established several benevolent institutions for the support of the infirm and the orphans in the church, which are sustained only by private contributions. In these works of love and mercy they deserve the sympathies and support of the church. Minutes not received.

7. Central Synod of Pennsylvania—This is a new Synod, formed out of the Synod of West Pennsylvania. Its officers are, Rev. J. T. Williams, President, Rev. M. J. Alleman, Secretary. Admitted into the General Synod at its last meeting.

8. New York Synod and Ministerium, met at Churchtown, N. Y., from the 1st to the 5th of September, 1855. Rev. H. N. Pohlman, President, Rev. J. Neff, Secretary. It reports the death of two of its members, Rev. J. W. Starman, of Maine, and Rev. J. W. Schmidt, of Albany. Also the expulsion of Rev. E. F. Schlueter from the ministry. It also admitted nine members, making its number of ministers 52. It deplores very much the want of ministers, sustained nine beneficiaries in their studies for the ministry the past year, and has made itself auxiliary to the Parent, Education and Missionary Societies of the General Synod. It next meets at Valatie, N. Y., Sept. 6, 1856. Minutes of 1854 received.

9. Hartwich Synod—This body met at Guilderland, N. Y., Sept. 8, 1855.—Rev. G. A. Lintner, D. D., President, Rev. D. Dederick, Secretary. It appointed one of its ministers to preach a sermon, at its next session, on the subject of Catechisation, and complains that it has been too much neglected,—with the Synod of New York of the want of ministers. These Synods have the care of Hartwich Seminary, which is doing well. Minutes received.

10. Maryland Synod—This Synod held its last meeting at Washington city, Oct. 18, 1855. Rev. G. Diehl, President, Rev. H. Bishop, Secretary. At its former meeting it decided that protests made after the adjournment of Synod could not claim the right to be entered upon its records. It decided also against any new synodical tests of membership or change in the doctrinal basis of the church. This body had the control and publication of the *Lutheran Observer*, but at its last meeting disposed of it to the Rev. Dr. Kurtz. Its efficiency and usefulness will not therefore be diminished. Minutes of 1854 received.

11. Synod of Virginia—This body met at Martinsburg, Va., Nov. 16, —22, 1854. Rev. C. P. Krauth, President, Rev. A. R. Fink, Sec'y. This body has distributed the churches in its bounds into pastoral districts, and urges the building of parsonages in each district, for the greater convenience of its ministers. The same should be done in every Synod. Its last meeting was at Zion's Church, Augusta county, Oct. 4, 1855. It rejected the so called "Defi-

nite Synodical Platform," and requests the Wittenberg Synod to reconsider its action upon it. Minutes of 1854 received.

12. Western Virginia Synod—This Synod held its last meeting at Kimberling, Wythe county, Va., September 21, 1855. Rev. E. Hawkins, President, Rev. J. A. Brown, Secretary. A Female Seminary is to be established by this body, located at Wytheville. It has also charge, with the Synod of Virginia, of Roanoke College, established at Salem, Va. Agents are now engaged in the bounds of both Synods, to raise \$30,000 for the endowment of the latter institution. These institutions have our best wishes for their success.—They show what the church can do where it has a mind to the work. No Minutes received.

13. North Carolina Synod met at Fredericktown, Davidson county, N. C., May 4th, 1855. Rev. S. Rothrock, President, Rev. L. C. Glosseclose, Secretary, Rev. J. A. Linn, Corresponding Secretary. The undersigned was appointed delegate to this Synod, and deeply regrets that he was not able to attend. He addressed, however, a friendly letter to the brethren of this body assuring them of the fraternal feelings of this Synod in its behalf. Said letter was read to Synod, and your delegate duly appreciates the kind feelings expressed in regard thereto. He will still be glad on some future occasion, to meet with the brethren of this body.

This Synod adopted the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That the interest now due on the Seminary fund be paid to the Treasurer of the Seminary of South Carolina, by the President at his earliest convenience.

Resolved, That the agreement entered into with the Synod of South Carolina by this Synod, in the support of the Theological Seminary at Lexington, S. Carolina, by the payment of the yearly interest of the funded capital for education, be, and is hereby dissolved—that said fund be transferred to the Board of Directors of Western Carolina Male Academy, to be under the control and direction of the same for its use and benefit, and lastly, that said fund without its proceeds, be subject to an order of withdrawal by this Synod at any time.

As this body has heretofore expressed its approval of the action of the N. Carolina Synod in the establishment of their institution, it will not object to the annulling of the agreement above referred to. The Synod will determine what action if any, may be necessary in regard to it. We are gratified to learn that the Institution, established by our sister Synod, has already commenced under encouraging auspices. We have no doubt of its success, and pray that it may prove a rich blessing to the church for whose benefit it is founded. The Rev. D. I. Dreher, a late graduate of our Seminary at Lexington, has taken a charge in the bounds of this Synod, and is labouring with encouraging success. This Synod holds its next meeting at Enoch's Church, Rowan county, Friday before the first Sabbath in May, 1856. Minutes received.

14. Synod of Mississippi—This Synod is formed by the members of this body residing in Mississippi, and with the approval and sanction of this body. It was organized at a Convention held at New Hope Church, Attala co., Miss., July 22d, 1855. Its officers are, Rev. G. H. Brown, President, Rev. C. D. Austin, Secretary, and John Rauch, Esq., Treasurer. Number of congregations reported 9, communicants 235, Sunday schools 4—collected for Synodical Treasury \$29.20. It has adopted for its government, the discipline of the South Carolina Synod, and also the constitution of this Synod, with such alterations as their situation seemed to require. It has forwarded ten copies of its Minutes for the use of this Synod. Its next meeting is at Mt. Carmel Church, Smith county, on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1856. It would seem proper that a committee be appointed to report some suitable expression of the fraternal feelings of this body in behalf of our Mississippi brethren, and the Synod formed by them.

15. Synod of Texas held its fifth session April 19th, 1855, in Fredericksburg, Texas. Rev. H. Wendt, Galveston, President, Rev. W. Strobel, Victoria, Secretary. This Synod is gradually increasing, and now numbers 17 ministers, who report 23 congregations, and about 1000 communicants. Their pa-

per, the "Pilger" in Sweden, which had been suspended for want of sufficient support, is again resumed, and it is hoped may now be sustained. These brethren in their self-denying labors, have our sympathies and best wishes for their success. Minutes of 1854 received.

16. English District Synod of Ohio met at Washington, Ohio, Sept. 14th, 1855. Rev. J. A. Roof, President, Rev. A. Essick, Secretary. This is one of the Synods forming the Joint Synod of Ohio, and has connected itself with the General Synod. Notwithstanding our differences, which are often more imaginary than real, we regret that the other Synods in Ohio did not do the same.—Minutes not received.

17. English Synod of Ohio, met last at Zanesville, Ohio, Oct. 18, 1855.—Rev. W. J. Sloan, President, Rev. J. Hessel, Secretary, (elected in 1854.) Minutes of 1854 received.

18. Miami Synod met in Hamilton, Ohio, June 8th, 1855. Rev. P. Riser, President, Rev. J. F. Reimmund, Secretary. Rev. J. Surface, one of its members suspended for irregular ministerial acts. Is making provision for superannuated ministers and their families, as done by some of our other Synods.—Minutes received.

19. Wittenberg Synod met at Bellefontaine, Ohio, Sept. 6, 1855. Rev. J. Crouse, President, Rev. J. W. Goodlin, Secretary. Mrs. Gunn, widow of our late missionary in India was present with her two children, Luther and Ella, and added much to the interest of the meeting. It adopted the so called "Definite Synodical Platform," and excludes from connection with it all who do not receive it. It authorized the formation of a new Synod by those of its members residing in Indiana. Minutes of 1854 received.

20. Olive Branch Synod met last at Columbus, Indiana, Oct. 18, 1855. Rev. O. Brown, President, Rev. A. F. Hills, Secretary, (elected in 1854.) This Synod is in Indiana, and complains much of the want of ministers within its bounds and in the State generally. No Minutes received.

21. Illinois Synod met August 30th, 1855, at Winchester, Iowa. Rev. Prof. F. Springer, President, Rev. S. L. Harkey, Secretary. This Synod, with that of Northern Illinois, has under its care the institution at Springfield, which is proving already a great blessing to our churches in the west. Minutes of 1854 received.

22. Synod of Northern Illinois met last at Waverly Station, Ill., Oct. 4th, 1855. Rev. S. W. Harkey, D. D., President, Rev. A. A. Trimper, Secretary.—This Synod comprises the territory of Northern Illinois, and is composed of English, German, Swedish and Norwegian Lutheran Ministers, by whom the gospel is preached in their respective languages. It is gratifying to see these brethren thus united in one body, and laboring harmoniously together in their Master's work. A little more charity might enable all Lutherans to do the same. Minutes of 1854 received.

23. Synod of South West met at Luther Chapel, Mo., September 23d, 1854. Rev. D. Jenkins, President, Rev. J. N. Lindsley, Secretary. No Min. received.

24. Synod of Kentucky was organized in May 1854—met last in Boone county, Ky., May 18, 1855. Rev. P. Glenn, President, Rev. D. Harbaugh, Secretary. Meets next at Lanesville, Indiana, May 16, 1856. Minutes not received.

The above Synods, with this body, out of which the Synod of Mississippi has been formed, are all in connection with the General Synod. The following Synods are not connected with it, though otherwise in correspondence with the foregoing Synods.

25. Joint Synod of Ohio met at Greensburg, Pa., November 8, 1854. Rev. J. J. Bailhartz, President, Rev. H. Borchers, Secretary. This body is composed of the District Synods of Ohio, which have their separate organizations, but meet jointly in this body. It has under its care the Seminary at Columbus, Ohio, and numbers about 100 ministers. Minutes of 1854 received.

26. Eastern District Synod of Ohio. No report of its Minutes received.

27. Western District Synod met at Germantown, Ohio, June 1st, 1855.—Rev. H. Heineke, President, Rev. H. Borchers, Secretary. Its next meeting at Richmond, Indiana, May 15, 1856. Minutes received.

28. Northern District Synod met October 7th, 1854, at New Washington, Ohio. Rev. H. Lane, President, Rev. H. S. Laser, Secretary. Its last meeting October 19th, 1855. Minutes of 1854 received.

29. Tennessee Synod met in New Market, Va., September 14th, 1855. Rev. A. J. Brown, President, Rev. J. Kileian, Secretary. It adopted Resolutions for supporting the Seminary at Columbus, Ohio, and the Lutheran Standard, published at the same place. Rev. D. M. Henkel received a dismission to connect with the Synod of Pennsylvania, in whose bounds he is laboring, and the name of P. Hull was erased from its list of ministers. Minutes received.

30. Franckean Synod—This Synod is in New York, and held its last meeting June 7, 1855. Rev. P. Wistang, President, Rev. A. Smith, Secretary.—Minutes received.

31. Synod of Buffalo meets every 3d year. No Minutes received.

32. General Synod of Missouri consists of several District Synods, and meets every 3d year. Rev. F. C. Wynekin, President, Rev. F. W. Hussman, Secretary. Next meeting at Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1857. Minutes not received.

33. German Evangelical Church Union of the West met in St. Charles, Mo., June 15th, 1854. Rev. G. B. Wall, St. Louis, President, Rev. L. Ballan. St. Louis, Secretary. Meets next in Burlington, Iowa. This, with the Synod of Missouri, is composed mainly of German Lutheran Ministers from Europe. They are actively and zealously engaged in supplying the religious wants of their German brethren in the West. The German Church Union has a Seminary and College at St. Louis, and the Missouri Synod its Seminary, we believe at Fort Wayne, Ind. Both Synods are increasing in number, and their Institutions seem to be flourishing. May their self-denying labors, for such they really are, be made a blessing to the church. Minutes received.

34. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of India, Rev. C. W. Groning, President, Rev. W. J. Cutter, Secretary. This body is composed of our missionaries in India, and has held its third session, from the minutes of which and other sources, it appears these brethren are laboring zealously and faithfully among the benighted heathen. Besides preaching the gospel, they are training up native ministers and teachers, and have a number of schools established, male and female, for the benefit of the natives. They report 7 congregations, 9 preaching places, and several hundred scholars under their instruction. The divine blessing is thus resting upon their labors.

We have thus noticed, as far as known, all our Synods. From their proceedings we gather, that the church, as a whole, is increasing in numbers, in efficiency and, we think, in piety. The institutions of the church, under the care of different Synods, are growing in their influence and usefulness. The Synods generally are actively engaged in the cause of Education, of Missions, Temperance, and the various other objects of christian benevolence, that claim attention. The number of churches erected and congregations organized during the year is greatly encouraging. The church's greatest want seems to be the want of ministers. Let us pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

L. EICHELBERGER, Cor. Sec'y.

Rev. Dr. Eichelberger, Corresponding Delegate to the North Carolina Synod, reported verbally.

Rev. Messrs. J. H. Bailey, A. W. Lindler, D. Sheely and J. H. W. Wertz appeared, and took their seats in Synod during this morning's session; and Capt. J. H. Counts, delegate from Rev. J. H. Bailey's charge, presented his certificate and was received as a member of Synod. Mr. D. Biemann, from the Missionary Station at Walhalla, was received as a Commissioner.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Synod took a recess, to convene again this afternoon immediately after the meeting of the Ministerium.

Divine Service was introduced with singing and prayer by Bro. Aldrich; and the former President delivered the Synodical Sermon, from Acts xii, 24, "*And the word of God grew and multiplied.*"

Synod re-assembled at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Parochial Reports were then handed in, and are as follows:

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS* REPORTING.	No. of Congregations.		BAPTISMS.				MEMB'S. RECE'D.		COMMUNI CANTS.		Burials.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			Benevolent Societies.
			White		Col'd		White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.		No. Schools.	No Teach'rs	No Scholars	
			Adults.	Infants.	Adults.	Infants.									
Rev. J. Bachman,	1	2	63	2	76	18	36	324	203	14	1	17	150		
“ J. B. Anthony,	1	0	14	10	0	2	20	66	66	3	1	4	14	1	
“ W. Berly,	2	0	10	0	6	9	6	177	6	2	1	7	50	2	
“ G. Hultiwanger,	1	7	12	0	0	24	0	194	0	7	0	0	0	2	
“ J. B. Jowman,	3	5	21	7	27	36	20	282	39	6	3	11	78	0	
“ S. Bouknight,	2	0	13	0	6	4	7	151	67	5	2	11	51	1	
“ T. S. Boineest,	2	0	11	0	2	12	4	145	33	17	2	6	35	2	
“ E. Dufford,	1	0	4	0	0	6	0	20	0	0	1	1	20	1	
“ E. Caughman,	2	1	7	0	0	16	0	196	3	8	2	7	40	2	
“ G. R. Haigler,	2	1	7	0	3	5	5	144	104	4	2	9	35	1	
“ T. H. W. Wertz,	2	0	3	0	0	1	0	62	20	3	0	0	0	0	
“ A. W. Lindler,	3	1	5	0	0	5	0	142	7	2	0	0	0	0	
“ P. Kistler,	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	79	5	2	1	4	25	1	
“ J. Moser,	1	0	12	0	1	0	1	46	3	15	1	2	15	0	
“ A. J. Karn,	1	0	20	0	0	4	0	105	0	4	1	17	117	4	
“ G. D. Bernheim,	1	1	15	0	3	11	1	34	7	6	1	11	100	1	
“ J. H. Bailey,	3	3	26	0	3	22	12	300	75	17	3	12	34	1	
“ L. Bedenbaugh,	2	2	12	0	6	4	7	111	40	2	1	6	25	0	
“ R. J. Hungerpeler	3	2	6	3	0	16	3	150	23	5	3	9	55	3	
“ L. Muller,	1	0	62	0	1	0	0	300	1	51	1	16	150	2	
“ W. A. Houck,	2	2	6	9	0	19	13	137	30	5	2	5	28	2	
“ E. Elmore,	1	0	1	0	0	10	0	25	0	0	1	3	40	0	
“ J. P. Margart,	4	1	15	0	0	11	1	453	75	20	1	7	32	0	
“ C. F. Bansemer,	1	0	13	0	0	6	0	96	0	3	0	0	0	0	
“ S. W. Bedenbaugh	3	3	9	2	0	5	2	57	8	1	1	3	25	0	
Total,	47	31	375	33	134	246	138	3796	815	202	32	168	1119	26	

* The reports of brothers Epping and Hort have not been received by the Secretary, and the brethren in Mississippi having recently formed a new Synod, are not represented in the above report.

Rev. C. F. Bansemer appeared and took his seat, Mr. F. C. Blum, delegate from Rev. Dr. Bachman's church, presented his certificate and was received as a member of Synod.

Rev. D. I. Dreher of the North Carolina Synod, Messrs. J. F. Schirmer, President, and J. J. Dreher, Treasurer of the Synodical Missionary Society being present, were invited to seats as advisory members.

Synod now adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, to enable the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary to hold a meeting this afternoon.

Prayer by Rev. L. Bedenbaugh.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, Nov. 10th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod was opened with singing and prayer by the Secretary.

After calling the roll, the minutes of yesterday were received and confirmed.

The Rev. C. F. Bansemer presented a petition from the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Walhalla, praying to be received into connection with this Body, and requesting that Mr. D. Biemann be recognised as their delegate. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the congregation at Walhalla be received, and that Mr. D. Biemann be allowed a seat, and vote as delegate from said congregation.

The remainder of this morning's session was occupied in receiving and considering the reports of sundry committees, viz :

The chairman of the committee on Constitutions reported verbally, that the Constitutions are now in type and ready to be printed.

Rev. G. Haliwanger, from the committee on the report of the delegate to the General Synod, made the following report, which was considered by items and finally adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred several items in the report of the Delegate to the General Synod would submit the following :

1. On pages 12, 25 and 26, which refers to the license system, and which calls for an expression of sentiment from each District Synod ; your committee believes our present system as wise and judicious, embracing necessary precautions, and hence can recommend no change.

2. On page 20, our attention is called to the Pastor's Fund of the General Synod ; but as we have our own society, with its constitution and officers, we think it best to retain it in its present form, and subject to our entire supervision.

3. On pages 21 and 50, a plan is proposed in resolution and a report, for creating and combining the different educational operations of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches of the General Synod, showing the deep interest which the members feel in the cause of benevolence and education. We rejoice to see the spirit which they breathe, but as our beneficiary system is fully organized, and has thus far worked happily, and as it would cause an entire change in constitutions, which time and circumstances with much thought and labor have formed, we think it best to retain the entire control of these funds, and appropriate them according to the constitution without any change.

4. On pp. 22-61, a plan for reporting ecclesiastical statistics is recommended to the various District Synods for their adoption ; but inasmuch as said plan does not in several particulars meet our wants, we deem it inexpedient to lay ours aside, which is nearly the same, and adopt it ; however, we would recommend that it be the duty of the Secretary to add up the different columns of said table, and have them properly footed.

5. On pages 53 and 54, is an urgent request for all Synodical Missionary Societies to become connected with the Home Missionary Society of the General Synod. In surveying the whole subject we cannot conceive that the interests of the church would be promoted by a change, and therefore can recommend none, but we refer this part to the Missionary Society.

6. On page 58, the church extension Society is brought to the notice of the different Synods. As this matter will come before us when the report on the President's Report is read, we therefore refer you to that. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. HALTIWANGER,
G. D. BERNHEIM.

Rev. Prof. Berly, from the committee on Letters and Petitions, presented the following report, which was considered by items, and finally adopted :

The committee appointed on Letters and Petitions, present the following report, that

No. 1, is a letter from brother Karn of Savannah, in which he states that the illness of his wife prevents him from being present with us. Your committee recommend that he be excused.

No. 2, is a letter from brother Stoudenmyre, in which he expresses his deep regret, that Providential circumstances, and the want of means, preclude all possibility of his being present with us at the present meeting of Synod, and indulges the hope that he will be excused; your committee recommend that his request be granted.

No. 3, is a letter from brother Godfrey, in which he informs this Body that circumstances beyond his control compel him to beg the indulgence of the Synod to excuse his non-attendance; your committee hope that his prayer will be granted.

No. 4, is a petition from Mt. Calvary Church, praying this Body to hold its next annual meeting in their midst. We refer this item to Synod for its final action.

No. 5, is a petition from a number of persons, members of the Evangelical Lutheran church, residing in the State of Miss., praying this Body to exonerate brother S. R. Sheppard, from the bond held against him by the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary. We refer this item also to Synod for its serious consideration.

W. BERLY,
S. BOUKNIGHT.

On the 5th item in the above report, it was

Resolved, That, whilst we sincerely sympathize with Bro. Sheppard in his embarrassed circumstances; and whilst we heartily appreciate the self-denial, and very efficient services of our worthy brother in the State of Mississippi, it would be laying a bad precedent to comply with the request of the petitioners, and that we therefore, deem it impracticable.

Rev. N. Aldrich from the committee on the President's Report, submitted the following report—which was also considered by items and finally adopted. The 11th item was referred to the Ministerium.

The Committee on the President's Report respectfully submit the following :

1. Your committee unite with the President in expressing our gratitude to Almighty God, for the kind providence which has watched over the affairs of our beloved Zion, and which has preserved the lives of our ministerial brethren during the past synodical year.

2. We sincerely trust that the pressure in monetary affairs lately experienced by all classes of society, has not trammelled materially the benevolent operations of the church, or if it has, now that God has again smiled upon his people generally in blessing the "labor of their hands," their gratitude will be manifested by liberal contributions to his treasury.

3. The ordination of Rev. W. Epping, in Savannah, Ga., and of Rev. C. D. Austin, in New Hope Church, Mississippi, are matters for the consideration of the Ministerium to which body we respectfully refer them.

4. Your committee regrets the removal of so many of our Ministerial brethren from our bounds within the past year, they however have our prayers for the blessings of God upon them in their new fields of labor.

5. Your committee agree with the President in the opinion that the churches alluded to in his report, St. Luke's, Colony, St. Paul's and St. John's, should have been formed into two separate pastorates or charges. They are clearly of the opinion that the piety and efficiency of the church would be greatly promoted by the formation of small pastorates composed generally of not more than two churches.

6. Your committee cannot withhold their expression of pleasure for the zeal and energy manifested by the church in Ebenezer, Ga. They trust their noble example in the extension of our church will be imitated by the churches generally.

7. Your committee notice the organization of congregations, and the erection of several new churches in its bounds within the past year. They trust that these enterprises will be encouraged and sustained by the liberality of our people generally.

8. The brethren in the State of Mississippi having organized a Synod, to be known as the "Mississippi Synod," and having expressed the desire to remain fraternally united with us, and to be aided in their missionary operations, your committee suggest the propriety of annually appointing either a delegate, or of having a communication kept up through our corresponding secretary. As regards these brethren having a representation in the Board of Directors of our Theological and Classical Seminary, your committee can see no way in which this can be effected except by a proportionate contribution to the funds of this Institution, as in the case of the North Carolina Synod.

9. In reference to our Seminary your committee unite with the President in their prayer, that in considering its removal, the Synod will be guided in its deliberations by Divine wisdom, to such results as will promote the permanent prosperity of this Institution.

10. The Church Extension Fund is a matter of grave consideration by this body—no portion of our church needs the aid of such a fund more than the South and South-west. We recommend that a collection be taken up in all our churches, in aid of this fund on the 1st Sunday in March, 1856, or as early thereafter as practicable, and the amount placed in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, subject to its order.

11. As regards the Ministerial Office, your committee believe that we have no authority for voluntarily resigning that sacred trust having never assumed it. Neither do they deem it compatible with ecclesiastical usage to grant letters of dismission or of recommendation to any minister except for the avowed intention of connecting himself with some other ecclesiastical body.

Respectfully submitted,

N. ALDRICH, ch'n.,
L. EICHELBERGER.

Rev. E. A. Bolles presented the report of the committee on Unfinished Business ;

The committee on Unfinished Business would beg leave to report :

No. 1. On page 19 is a resolution of Synod in reference to the institution at Lexington, that the Board of Directors make application to the Legislature to amend the charter so as to constitute it a regular college, with the power of conferring degrees. As the Board could not make the application previous to the further action of Synod, they have appointed a committee to gain the necessary information, and to report at this meeting.

2. The committee would enquire if the request has been made, (agreeable to a resolution on page 19,) to Messrs. J. M. Cooper & Co. of Savannah, to keep a regular supply of our Lutheran publications for sale, and if they have consented to do so.

3. The committee would respectfully ask whether *all* the church councils, in connection with Synod have taken up collections in their churches to defray

the expenses of the delegates to the General Synod, agreeable to resolution on page 24. Respectfully submitted.

E. A. BOLLES, Chairman,
E. B. HORT.

The above report being considered by items, the following resolution was adopted, viz :

On the 2d item, respecting the resolution in the minutes of last year, concerning the establishment of a Book Depository in the city of Savannah, it was

Resolved, That Rev. A. J. Karn and Mr. J. T. Thomas be a committee to carry said resolution into effect.

The last item in the foregoing report was disposed of by the adoption of the following report of Mr. J. F. Schirmer, the committee appointed by the last Synod to receive contributions from the several churches, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the delegates to the General Synod. The remainder of the report was laid on the table as information.

Jacob F. Schirmer reports that agreeable to resolution passed at the last meeting of Synod, the following amounts were received by him to aid in defraying the expenses of the Delegates to General Synod, viz :

Rev. G. R. Haigler, per St. Mathews and Mount Lebanon,	\$23 00
" D. Bachman, per church in Charleston,	23 95
" Hungerpeler, per Bethlehem and St. Mathews,	11 00
" T. S. Boinest, per Bethlehem and Luther Chapel,	10 50
" J. B. Anthony, per Sandy Run church,	8 45
" J. B. Lowman, per Bethel, St. David and St. John's, Collection,	11 00
" G. Haltiwanger, per Ebenezer,	6 00
" E. B. Hort, per church in Columbia,	5 00
" J. P. Margart, Colony,	3 00
" P. Kistler, Mt. Pleasant,	5 00
" J. A. Bailey, St. Michael's,	8 10
" G. D. Bernheim, per charge in Charleston,	1 00

Making in all, \$116 00

Rev. Mr. Anthony being the only delegate leaving Charleston the amount was paid over to him, so that a division might be made by him on his arrival at Dayton, Ohio. Respectfully submitted.

JACOB F. SCHIRMER.

Dr. G. Muller, from the committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Widow's Fund, presented the following Report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WIDOW'S FUND.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Widow's Fund, report that they have examined the same, and find that in the account for last year the total amount of cash in hand, bonds and notes exceed the proper sum by One Hundred and Thirty-three Dollars and Forty-five Cts. This error has however been corrected by the Treasurer in the account for the present year. With this exception they have found the account correct. The payments made, certified by vouchers, and the bonds and notes secured by sufficient sureties. With regard to the petition of Mrs. Cloy for aid, the committee recommend that she be paid the sum of Fifty Dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

GERHARD MULLER,
HENRY GALLMAN.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WIDOW'S FUND.

P. Todd, Treasurer of the Widow's Fund, in account with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, and adjacent States :

DR.

To amount of bonds and notes, as per last report,	\$1236 00
“ balance of cash in hand, as per last report,	830 37
“ Interest received at last Synod, (Kistler,)	1 75
“ Interest on cash in hand,	58 24
“ Recovered on P. A. Strobel's bond,	150 00
“ Interest on P. A. Strobel's bond,	20 62
“ Received from friend,	1 96

\$2298 94

CR.

By Cash paid Mrs. Cloy,	\$50 00
“ Cash paid Mrs. Bernhardt,	50 00
“ Attorney's Commissions, (P. A. S.,)	10 00
“ Bonds and Notes,	2188 94

\$2298 94

Nov. 10th, 1855. Amount of Bonds and Notes, \$2183 94

P. TODD, Treasurer.

Mr. C. Neuffer asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the Synod.

Rev. B. Hort obtained leave of absence until Monday, 12 o'clock, M.

Synod now adjourned to meet on Monday, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Bro. Moser.

LORD'S DAY'S SERVICES.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the weather, the church was crowded at an early hour.

Rev. G. Hiltiwanger introduced Divine Service with singing and prayer. Rev. N. Aldrich read the selections from the Gospels and Epistles, and Rev. Dr. Bachman preached the Ordination Sermon from Genesis, iv ch., 9 v., last clause, “*Am I my brother's keeper?*” After a few preliminary remarks, setting forth the occasion which gave rise to the inquiry in the text, and portraying the great evil of sin, which induces the sinner to inquire thus—the Rev. Doctor, in his peculiarly happy and interesting manner, proceeded to show, that every man is his “*brother's keeper*,” and concluded by applying the subject to the relation of a Pastor and his flock.

In accordance with a Resolution of the Ministerium, Rev. Messrs. T. S. Boinest, R. J. Hungerpeler and W. A. Houck, were according to the Apostolic custom of laying on of hands, solemnly ordained and set apart to the work of the Gospel Ministry—and all the Ordained Ministers present gave them the right hand of christian fellowship and love.

Rev. Prof. Berley then attended to the consecration of the elements; and a large number of the followers of the Redeemer united in celebrating His dying Love.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., Rev. Dr. Eichelberger delivered a solemn and

impressive Discourse from 1 Peter, 11 ch., 1st clause of 7 v., "*Unto you, therefore, which believe, he is precious.*"

At early candle-light, Rev. J. S. Heilich preached from Exodus, xxxii ch., 26 v., "*Who is on the Lord's side?*"

In the forenoon, Religious Exercises were also conducted in the school house by Bros. Wertz and Sheely, for the benefit of the coloured population.

Thus ended the services of this Holy Day—we trust, to the honor and praise of God, to the comfort and refreshment of His people, and to the edification of all present. Amen.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY, Nov. 12, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod assembled and was opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Lowman.

The roll was called and the Minutes of Saturday were confirmed.

Rev. M. Boyd, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced and invited to a seat as an advisory member. After which the following Resolution was adopted:

5. *Resolved*, That Revs. Dr. Eichelberger, Prof. Berley and G. D. Bernheim be a committee to collect the Resolutions heretofore adopted by this body, in relation to its government and rules of order, and report the same at its next meeting.

Rev. G. R. Haigler reported the following on the state of Religion.

Your committee appointed to report on the state of Religion in the different churches within the bounds of our Synod, beg leave to submit the following:

That special seasons of revivals have been enjoyed in the respective charges of Revs. Boineest, Haltiwanger, Houck, Caughman, Lowman, Bedenbaugh and J. H. Bailey, and numbers were converted and added to the church.

From other churches under the pastoral care of Revs. Anthony, Bernheim, Werts, and Haigler, we learn that though no special revivals have occurred in their churches, yet they are reported to be in a prosperous condition.

We have been gratified to learn that increasing attention has been given to Bible classes, and Sabbath schools, and would earnestly recommend these instrumentalities to the consideration of all who have not as yet adopted them.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. R. HAIGLER,
WM. A. HOUCK.

Mr. S. Corley reported the Contributions to the Synodical Treasury. Adopted.

CONGREGATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev. L. Bedenbaugh's charge, Mount Pilgrim,	\$ 4 00	
St. John's,	4 20—	\$ 8 20
Rev. S. Bouknight's charge, St. Mark's,	5 00	
Mount Zion,	3 33—	8 33
Rev. E. Caughman's charge, Salem,	3 10	
Mount Calvary,	2 00—	5 10
Rev. J. B. Anthony's charge, Sandy Run,		20 00
Rev. W. A. Houck's charge, Pine Grove,	15 53	
Trinity,	7 50—	23 03

Carried forward,

64 66

Brought forward,		\$64 66
Rev. A. W. Lindler's charge, Trinity,	2 25	
Good Hope,	1 80	
St. Peter's,	1 35—	5 40
Rev. J. H. Bailey's charge, St. Michael's,	9 15	
Macedonia,	5 50	
Nazareth,	5 00—	19 65
Rev. G. D. Bernheim's charge, Zion, Charleston,		5 16
Rev. J. P. Margart's charge, St. Luke's,	4 90	
St. John's,	6 37½	
St. Paul's,	4 12½	
Colony,	5 12½—	20 52
Rev. Wm. Berly's charge, St. Andrew's,	7 00	
St. Stephen's,	25 00—	32 00
Rev. G. R. Haigler's charge, St. Mathew's,	9 00	
Mount Lebanon,	9 00—	18 00
Rev. Dr. J. Bachman's charge, St. John's, Charleston,	55 06	
Female Lutheran Society,	110 00—	165 06
Rev. A. J. Karn's charge, Savannah,		20 30
Rev. J. Lowman's charge, St. David's,	1 70	
St. John's,	2 00	
Bethel,	7 30—	11 00
Rev. R. J. Hungerpeler's charge, Beth Eden,	14 10	
St. Mathew's,	9 40	
Liberty Hill,	11 10—	34 60
Rev. J. Moser's charge, Mount Zion,		6 40
Rev Paul Kistler's charge, Mount Pleasant,	4 00	
St. Nicholas,	1 00—	5 00
Rev. E. B. Hort's charge, Ebenezer, Columbia,		8 03
Rev. J. H. W. Wertz's charge, Bethlehem,	2 25	
Corinth,	2 25—	4 50
Rev. L. Muller's charge, St Mathew's, Charleston,		25 00
Rev. E. Elmore's charge, New Hope, Coweta, Ga.		2 00
Rev. T. S. Boimest's charge, Bethlehem,	45 13	
Lutheran Chapel,	7 30—	52 43
Rev. E. Dufford's charge, Jerusalem,		1 30
Rev. George Haltiwanger's charge, Ebenezer,		23 10
* Rev. J. Stingley's charge, Bethel,	5 00	
St. Paul's,	2 00—	7 00
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		\$531 11

On motion it was

Resolved, That Messrs. S. Corley & J. J. Dreher be a committee to examine the archives of Synod, to ascertain if the Bond of the Treasurer of the Widow's Fund can be found, and if not found, to have a new Bond executed, and forwarded to the Secretary.

Resolved, That the contributions made the past year, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Delegates to the General Synod, be paid over to the Treasurer of Synod, and that he be authorized to refund to Rev. J. B. Anthony, the amount expended by him as Delegate; also the amount paid for the Seal of Synod.

Rev. Dr. Bachman presented the following Preamble and Resolutions, which were *unanimously* adopted by the whole body rising silently to their feet:

* Amount paid last year and not credited.

Rev. S. W. Bedenbaugh's churches (received after adjournment of Synod :)
 Mount Zion, \$1 25
 St. John, 2 80— \$4 05

Whereas, we have recently received the melancholy intelligence of the death of the Rev. STEPHEN A. MEALY, a native of Charleston, who was ordained to the Ministry of our church in the year 1824, was the pastor of the Lutheran Church in Savannah for 14 years, and who for several years, was the presiding officer of this Synod.— He subsequently became the pastor of the Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, was for several years the Editor of the Lutheran Standard, and after a decline of health for several years, was called to his home and his reward at Canton, Ohio. Therefore

Resolved, That whilst this Synod will continue to cherish a grateful sense of his high mental attainments, the piety of his life, and his usefulness as a Minister of our church, we desire to record this tribute of respect to his memory and his worth.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the widow of our departed Brother, residing in Canton, Ohio, and to the members of his family in Charleston ; and that they be inserted in the Lutheran Observer and Lutheran Standard.

Rev. J. S. Heilich, Corresponding Delegate from the N. Carolina Synod, now took leave of this body, and was responded to by the President in behalf of Synod.

Resolved, That Messrs. J. F. Schirmer, S. Corley and Dr. G. Muller, be a committee to confer with the Treasurer of the Seminary in the investment of the funds of that Institution.

Rev. N. Aldrich read the report of the Board of Directors of the Classical and Theological Seminary, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CLASSICAL AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, S. C.

DEAR BRETHREN: As guardians of an Institution dear to our church, it is made our duty to render an account to this Synod of the proceedings of the past year.

The Chair of our Greek and Mathematical Professor having been vacated in February last, new arrangements to meet this emergency had to be made by your Board. Accordingly, Mr. Whittle, previously in connection with our Institution as a student, was engaged for the English Department, whilst the Rev. Dr. Eichelberger agreed to assist Prof. Berley in the Classical department.

The examination of the students in June last was highly satisfactory to the Board. The number of students then present at our Institution was 54 in the Classical and 2 in the Theological departments. The number now in attendance is 30 in Classical and 3 in Theological departments.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last Synod instructing your Board to make arrangements for the removal of our Institution, a committee was appointed by the Board to receive proposals and report to this Synod.— This committee will make their report in due time.

Your Board are sensible that for years difficulties have impeded the progress of our Institution, but we humbly trust the great Head of the Church will so conduct our affairs as to bring them to a happy issue.

N. ALDRICH, Sec. Pro Tem.

Rev. Dr. Bachman, chairman of the committee of the Board of Directors, made the following report:

At a meeting of the Directors of the Theological Seminary, held at Lex-

ington, S. C., on the 27th day of June last, the Board took into consideration the following resolution of our Synod, adopted at its last annual meeting :

"Inasmuch as our institution at Lexington is evidently in a languishing condition, and owing, no doubt, in part at least to local circumstances, which the future does not promise to obviate, therefore be it

1. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of Synod, there is a necessity for its removal to a more eligible situation, and that the Directors, be and are hereby instructed, to take the necessary steps to effect the removal to such place in South Carolina as may promise a more eligible locality.

2. *Resolved*, That the Directors be also instructed to obtain from the Legislature of that State, such amendments to the charter, as to constitute it a regular College, with the power of conferring degrees.

3. *Resolved*, That the Institution with its new charter, shall be called
College of South Carolina."

The following members of the board, viz: John Bachman, G. R. Haigler, J. B. Anthony and J. Wingard were appointed to carry out the requirements of the Synod, as expressed in the above resolutions.

The committee accordingly transmitted copies of the above resolutions to those ministers and members of our church, residing in this State, where there might be a probability that encouragements would be offered to locate our intended College.

Several offers have been handed in, which we hereby present to Synod, accompanied by our fervent prayers, that God would give us wisdom in our decision and crown our efforts with his blessing, so that they may eventuate in increasing the facilities for mental culture—in enlarging the boundaries of knowledge and in the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BACHMAN,
GEO. R. HAIGLER,
JOSEPH WINGARD.
J. B. ANTHONY.

The question relating to the removal of the Seminary from its present location being about to be considered, on motion of Bro. G. D. Bernheim it was

Resolved, That prior to the discussion of this weighty and important subject, a fervent appeal be made to the Throne of Grace, for the Divine aid and direction in our deliberations. Whereupon—the whole body arose, and fervently invoked the Divine blessing to rest upon us in the discussion of this all-absorbing question.

It was now *Resolved*, That the proposals for removing the Seminary be read.

Dr. Bachman, chairman of the committee of the Board of Directors, then read the proposals from Walhalla and Newberry. After which the question was discussed at length by Rev. Messrs. Bansemer, Bernheim, Muller, Boinest, Berley, Mr. Jos. Wingard, and Rev. Dr. Bachman. The further consideration of the subject was postponed until to-morrow.

Rev. Messrs. Bedenbaugh, Elmore and Bayley, were excused from further attendance on Synod after to-morrow morning's session.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at 8 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Bro. Dufford.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, NOV. 13, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Synod was opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Hort.

After calling the roll the Secretary proceeded to read the Minutes of yesterday, which were amended and confirmed.

The question on the removal of the Seminary being now resumed—on motion it was

Resolved, That in the further discussion of this question, no member be allowed to speak longer than 10 minutes, nor more than twice, except for explanation.

After the subject had been fairly and fully discussed by several of the members, both clerical and lay, the question of REMOVAL was determined by ballot, which resulted as follows:

For REMOVAL 35 votes; against REMOVAL 20 votes. Majority in favor of REMOVAL 15.

The PLACE OF ITS FUTURE LOCATION was next determined in the same manner.

NEWBERRY and WALHALLA being the places proposed, the result was as follows:

NEWBERRY 46; WALHALLA 9. Majority in favor of NEWBERRY 37.

On motion it was *Resolved*, That the vote be considered as UNANIMOUS, and that we as a body unite in our endeavors to promote the best interests of the Institution.

The term of service of those members of the Board of Directors of the Seminary, who were elected in 1852, having expired, an election was held to supply the vacancies thus occasioned. The former members were re-elected.

Classification of the Board.

Elected in 1855—Rev. N. Aldrich, Rev. G. R. Haigler, Messrs. Jos. Wingard and John Hiller.

Elected in 1854—Rev. E. B. Hort, Rev. J. B. Anthony, Messrs. J. J. Dreher and S. Corley.

Elected in 1853—Rev. Dr. Bachman, Rev. S. Bouknight, Mr. J. F. Schirmer, and Dr. G. Muller.

The committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Seminary presented their report, which was adopted:

The committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer of the Seminary Fund, respectfully report the same as being correct, the statement accompanying it showing the investment of the amounts, and amount of cash on hand.

Nov. 13, 1855.

J. T. THOMAS,
P. TODD.

JOSEPH WINGARD, *Treasurer, in account with Classical and Theological Seminary of Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina.*

1854.		DR.	
Nov	4	To balance cash in hand as per report,	\$138 97
	21	cash received from S. R. Sheppard, interest on bond,	33 89
	27	cash received, interest from North Carolina Synod,	61 00
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			\$233 88

		Brought forward,	\$233 86
Dec	6	cash received, interest on G. Gartman's bond,	49 00
	8	cash received, dividend Bridge stock, 2 qrs, -	15 00
	8	cash received, interest on A. C. Squier's bond,	70 00
1855			
Jan'y	1	cash received per Rev. W. Berley, tuition, -	25 75
	1	cash received per S. E. Caughman, " -	20 00
	1	cash received from several persons, " -	55 00
	15	cash received from W. H. Geiger interest on bond -	70 00
March	3	cash received from Mrs. R. H. Bernhard, tuition, -	14 00
	3	cash received from S. George, " -	48 30
April	2	cash received per Rev. W. Berley, " -	170 30
	7	cash received, dividend Bridge stock, 2 qrs, -	27 00
	9	cash received per Rev. W. Berley, tuition, -	11 00
	12	cash received, interest on J. H. Counts' bond, -	49 00
	18-23	cash received per Rev. W. Berley, tuition, -	46 00
May	5	cash received for Dr. Hazelius' b'd, prin. \$100, int. \$23.81, 123 81	
	12	cash received from J. Lown, interest on bond, -	70 00
June	21	cash received from C. Beck, interest on bond, -	280 00
	21	cash received from R. Sondley, interest on bond, -	280 00
	28	cash received per Rev. E. B. Hort, from J. P. Adams, subscribed to G. D. Bernheim, agent, -	10 00
July	4	cash received per Rev. W. Berley, tuition, -	6 00
	6	cash received from H. A. Meetze, " -	12 00
	14	cash received from C. Franck, " -	12 00
	18	cash received from Mrs. R. H. Bernhard, tuition, -	20 00
Sept	20	cash received from L. Hendrix, " -	12 00
	22	cash received, dividend Bridge stock, -	9 00
Oct	1	cash received from J. Fox, tuition, -	80 00
	1	cash received per Rev. W. Berley, tuition, -	49 50
	1	cash received for A. Roberts' bond, prin. \$700, int. 42,97, 742 97	
	10	cash received from L. See, tuition, -	10 00
	15	cash received per Rev. W. Berly, tuition, -	16 00
	24	cash received from D. Rawl, tuition, -	12 00
	24	cash received from D. Leitner, donation, -	10 00
1854 Dec		cash received, interest on H. Cobia's bond, per J. F. S. -	22 16
1855 Jany		cash received, dividend Bank of Charleston stock, " -	100 00
		cash received, interest on Holland's bond, " -	52 50
March		cash received, interest on Cammers' bond, " -	15 75
April		cash received, interest on Rail Road bonds, " -	87 50
		cash received, interest on Rabb's bond, " -	18 86
		cash received, part principal on Rabb's bond, " -	100 00
		cash received, half year's int. per Savings Inst., " -	7 75
July		cash received, dividend Bank of Charleston stock, " -	100 00
Aug		cash received, interest on Holland's bond, " -	52 50
Sept		cash received, interest on Cammer's bond, " -	15 75
Oct		cash received, interest on R. R. bonds, " -	87 50
		cash received, interest on Rabb's bond, " -	15 36
		cash received, interest from Saving's Institution, " -	15 69
	30	cash received per Rev. W. Berly, tuition, -	14 00
Nov	5	cash received from J. Rast, tuition, -	10 00
	6	cash received, Bridge stock dividend, -	10 50
	8	cash received from North Carolina Synod, -	62 31
		amount received from Rev. G. D. Bernheim, on sub. during his agency, cash \$85, note \$378, -	463 00
June	28	cash received per Rev. W. Berly, tuition, -	26 70
			\$3937 32
Nov	9	To balance cash on hand, -	\$728 02
	*10	cash received for J. Bachman's note, prin. \$159 26	
		int. 22 30	181 56

* Received since making out the account.

1854.			CR.
Nov	27	By cash paid John Hendrix account for repairs,	\$55 69
		cash paid Allen See, " "	18 75
Dec	21	cash paid Rev. E. B. Hort's account, -	5 00
1855			
Jany	1	cash paid Rev. W. Berley, quarterly salary, -	175 00
		cash paid S. E. Caughman, " "	175 00
		cash paid Rev. L. Eichelberger, D. D., quarterly salary	200 00
March	1	cash paid Lexington Telegraph, advertising -	5 00
April	2	cash paid Rev. L. Eichelberger, D. D., quarterly salary, -	200 00
		cash paid Rev. W. Berley, quarterly salary, -	175 00
		cash paid M. Whittle, 1 month salary, -	33 33
May	6	cash paid J. H. Counts, exor. in part for Dr. Hazelius' Library, -	123 81
	15	cash paid bill of painting at Professor's house, -	16 76
June	28	cash paid M. Whittle, quarterly salary, -	100 00
		cash paid Rev. W. Berley, quarterly salary, -	200 00
		cash paid Dr. Eichelberger, quarterly salary, -	200 00
July	9	cash paid J. H. Counts, exor. balance on Dr. Hazelius' Library, -	81 80
Aug	20	cash paid John Hendrix, for repairs, &c., -	5 25
Sept	27	cash paid Dr. Eichelberger, charges on books, -	1 25
Oct	1	cash paid Dr. Eichelberger, quarterly salary, -	200 00
		cash paid Rev. W. Berley, quarterly salary, -	200 00
	8	cash paid M. Whittle, quarterly salary, -	100 00
Jany		cash deposited in Savings Institution, (J. T. S.,)	39 00
April		cash paid Charleston Courier, advertising, -	2 91
		cash deposited in Savings Institution, -	223 75
July		cash " " " " -	150 00
Oct		cash " " " " -	142 00
	31	cash paid Lexington Telegraph's account, -	2 00
Nov	8	Rev. G. D. Bernheim's note, -	378 00
	9	By balance cash on hand, -	728 00
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SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT.

Amount of Bonds, Notes, Stocks, &c., as per last report, -	\$22,626 15
By amount received on Bonds, &c., -	900 00
	<hr/> \$21,726 15
Investments made during the year, - - \$932 75	
Cash on hand. - - - 728 02—	1,660 77
	<hr/> \$23,386 92

JOSEPH WINGARD, Treasurer.

Synod now went into an election for the next place of meeting, which resulted in the choice of Mount Calvary church, Edgefield District, S. C.

Rev. Dr. Bachman, E. A. Bolles, W. A. Houck, B. F. Berry, Messrs. D. Biemann and A. Wertz, were excused from further attendance on Synod.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Benediction by the President.

At 12 o'clock, Rev. C. F. Bansemer preached from Ps. viii, 4, 5, *What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.*

SIXTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Synod was opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Haigler. After calling the roll, the Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Synod, reported as follows:

The committee appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer of Synod, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH WINGARD,
F. C. BLUM.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States, in account with S. Corley, Treas., 1855.

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1854		
Nov 14	Paid Jacob Austin, beneficiary, - - - -	\$9 37
	Paid B. F. Berry, " - - - -	9 37
	Paid Rev. J. B. Anthony's travelling expenses, - - - -	9 00
18	Paid Treasurer's travelling expenses, - - - -	11 00
Dec 31	Paid M. Whittle, beneficiary, - - - -	18 75
1855		
Mar 19	Paid James, Williams & Gitsinger, for print. min. - - - -	118 00
	Paid J. N. Derrick, beneficiary, - - - -	18 75
May 15	Paid J. A. Sligh, " - - - -	18 75
	Paid J. D. Bowles, " - - - -	18 75
June 22	Paid Paul Derrick, " - - - -	37 50
23	Paid J. A. Sligh, " - - - -	18 75
	Paid J. D. Bowles, " - - - -	18 75
	Paid Jefferson T. Bowles, " - - - -	37 75
25	Paid J. N. Derrick, - - - -	18 75
Oct 23	Paid J. D. Bowles, - - - -	18 75
	Paid J. A. Sligh, - - - -	18 75
	Paid Jefferson T. Bowles, - - - -	18 75

	419 25
Amount of Bonds, Notes, &c.	1169 46

	1588 71
Cash on hand,	159 65

\$1748 06

1854		Dr.
Nov 10	Bonds and Notes received from former Treasurer, \$1070 41	
	Cash received, - - - -	5 23
	" from the different Churches, at Synod held at Mount Pilgrim, Georgia, 588 38	
Dec 1	Received interest on Rev. M. Rauch's bond, 14 00	
24	" " E. Harman's bond, 4 75	
26	" " N. Brown's note, 2 27	
1855		
Jan 15	" " Mathias Wingard's note, 1 47	
Mar 21	" " Rev. M. Rauch's bond, 14 00	

\$1700 51

		Brought forward,	\$2700 51
May 3	"	Rev. B. F. Berry's note,	5 00
4	"	J. A. Schmidts bond,	29 00
6	"	Dr. E. L. Hazelius' note,	13 55
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			\$1748 06
Nov 13	Cash received from the different Churches, at Synod held at Bethlehem Church, Newberry Dist. S. C.		541 11
	Cash on hand,		159 65
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			\$2448 82
S. CORLEY, Treasurer.			

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the cordial reception and hospitable entertainment which the members of this Synod have received from the people of this vicinity, entitle them to our warmest thanks ; and the President be requested to tender the same to the congregation, after divine service this morning.

Resolved, That the minutes of the Missionary Society, and of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers, &c., be appended to the minutes of Synod.

The President presented a letter from Bro. J. S. Dailey, of Monroeville, Ala., which was referred to the Ministerium.

It was now *Resolved*, That the Institution, about to be located at Newberry, be known and designated as LUTHER COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

A committee was now appointed to devise further measures for prosecuting the work of the contemplated college.

Committee.—Rev's. Dr. Eichelberger, T. S. Boineest, C. F. Bansemer, Messrs. P. Todd, Jos. Wingard and F. C. Blum.

Resolved, That when this Synod adjourn, it stand adjourned to meet again at Mt. Calvary Church, Edgefield District, S. C., on Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in Nov., next, at 12 o'clock M.

Rev's. G. R. Haigler, L. Muller, Messrs. Barber, Blum, Nigels, Kalb, and Snider were excused from further attendance on Synod.

Rev. N. Aldrich, in a few brief remarks, brought to the notice of Synod the American Tract Society.

On motion of Dr. Eichelberger it was

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the statements made by br. Aldrich, agent of the American Tract Society, in regard to the benevolent objects and work of said Society ; and that we commend said Society and its publications, so long as they retain their past evangelical character, to the confidence and support of the christian public.

On motion of Rev. E. B. Hort the following preamble and resolution was adopted,

Whereas this Synod has frequently expressed its approbation of the cause of Temperance,

Resolved, That we recommend the Temperance Standard, published at Lexington Court House, to the favorable notice and patronage of all the members in connexion with this Synod.

Rev. G. Haltiwanger presented the following, which was also adopted:

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States, appreciating, as the Lutheran Church has ever done, the great worth of the Bible as God's Book, to guide erring and sinful man in the way of life and salvation, and regarding its general diffusion in our land as among its greatest blessings—and whereas the Rev. E. A. Bolles, a member of this body is now engaged as agent of the American Bible Society in the great and good work of that Society in this State, therefore,

Resolved, That we have the utmost confidence in the objects and usefulness of said Society, and recommend it and its agent to the prayers of our people and the public generally, as entitled to their christian sympathies and support: and that we cordially co-operate with him in the same.

The following was adopted on motion of Rev. Dr. Eichelberger,

Whereas the Bible teaches that God governs in the affairs of men, and that "*Wars and fightings*" come from the lusts of men (James iv. 1.); and whereas human life is fearfully sacrificed by the wars now raging in both Europe and Asia, and by disease and death throughout the world, and as God alone "*maketh wars to cease*," and can control and stay the wrath of men, therefore,

Resolved, That it is the duty of Christians to pray that wars may cease throughout the world, that the nations of the earth may learn righteousness; and that God would mercifully stay his judgments visited upon our sins, and overrule them to the good of men, thus making the wrath of man to praise him.

Resolved, That 2000 copies of the minutes of this Synod be printed, and the Secretary be requested to superintend their distribution.

An election was now held for Cor. Delegate to the N. C. Synod, which resulted in the choice of Rev. Dr. Eichelberger as principal and Rev. E. A. Bolles as alternate.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be directed to address a letter to the brethren in Mississippi, expressive of our fraternal regards, with the fervent prayer that the Great Head of the Church will continue to bless and prosper them.

Synod now took a recess, to attend Divine Service.

At 12 o'clock Rev. S. Bouknight preached from 2. Cor. v. 20. "*Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.*"

According to a resolution of the Ministerium, Messrs. C. H. Bernheim and Jacob Hawkins, recent graduates of the Theological Seminary, were then licensed to preach the Gospel and administer the Ordinances.

Synod resumed business at 2 o'clock P. M.

The committee on the contemplated College made the following report which was adopted,

The committee to whom was entrusted the devising of further measures to prosecute the work of the contemplated College, would recommend,

1st. That a committee be appointed consisting of seven members, to see that the subscriptions are suitably guaranteed, and to raise such additional fund as will be required in carrying out the object of Synod in regard to the Institution.

2nd. That this committee be instructed to obtain plans and specifications for the necessary buildings, to select a suitable site for said buildings, and the probable cost of the same.

3rd. That they prepare such form of charter as may be necessary for the above Institution, and present it to the Board for their approval.

4th. That the Rev. T. S. Boinest, Messrs. M. Barre, W. W. Houseal, Dr. P. Todd, Major Henry Summer, Gen. A. C. Garlington and Mr. J. B. Counts, be the committee.

5th. That the Board of Directors be instructed to take such steps as may be necessary for obtaining a charter, and the transfer of the Institution to Newberry.

6th. That the said committee report their proceedings to the Board as soon as practicable.

L. EICHELBERGER,
T. S. BOINEST,
C. F. BANSEMER,
P. TODD,
J. WINGARD,
F. C. BLUM.

In connection with the foregoing report the following resolution was passed,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Synod, the sum of at least fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount pledged to Synod upon condition of its location at Newberry, will be required for the founding and proper organization of our Institution, and in whatever manner provided for, should be considered a subject of the first importance by this body, and that our pastors and churches, be earnestly requested to co-operate in providing for the same.

The printing of the constitutions was next considered, and, after a few amendments to the Constitution of the Seminary it was,

Resolved, That the Constitutions now in the hands of the committee be printed; that the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to pay the amount necessary for printing them, and that the Committee fix the price at which they are to besold, and report the result to Synod at its next meeting.

There being no more business before Synod,

Resolved, That we now adjourn to meet at the time and place above specified.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. Haltiwanger.

JOHN P. MARGART, Sec'y. of Synod.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY, NOV. 9, 1 o'clock, P. M.

The Ministerium was opened with prayer by Rev. M. Rauch. The President appointed the following,

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *On Examination*.—Rev's. L. Eichelberger, D. D., L. Muller and G. Haltiwanger.

2. *On Sermons and Journals*.—No. 1. Rev. Messrs. J. H. Bailey and E. Dufford. No. 2. Rev. Messrs. G. D. Bernheim and E. A. Bolles. No. 3. Rev. Messrs. L. Bedenbaugh and P. Kistler. No. 4. Rev. N. Aldrich.

The Sermons and Journals were numbered and handed to the respective committees.

Rev. Prof. Berly presented br. B. Kreps, to be received as a Home Student, under the direction of this Ministerium.

Resolved, That he be examined, and, if possessed of the proper qualifications, he be received as such.

Rev. Dr. Eichelberger proposed bros. C. H. Bernheim and Jacob Hawkins, recent graduates of the Theological Seminary at Lexington, for Licensure.

Resolved, That they be referred to the Committee on Examinations—who shall report to this Ministerium in due time.

Rev's. T. S. Boineist, R. J. Hungerpeler and W. A. Houck were proposed for Ordination.

Resolved, That they be invited to a colloquium to-morrow, in view of the ordination.

On motion the Ministerium adjourned.

Prayer by the President.

SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, NOV. 10, 2½ o'clock, P. M.

The Rev. P. Kistler addressed the Throne of Grace; after which the minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

Committee No. 2. on Sermons and Journals reported as follows:

The committee to examine the Sermons and Journals of Bros. Austin and Berry, beg leave to report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find that both these brethren have brought before us well arranged discourses, and faithful Journals; but recommend that the former brother pay some more attention to composition and orthography.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. D. BERNHEIM,
E. A. BOLLES.

Adopted.

Committee No. 4. presented the following report, which was adopted,

The committee appointed to examine the Sermons, Sketches and Journals of the Rev. Bro's. Hungerpeler and Houck, report as follows:

We are pleased with the care, with which the Journals of these brethren have been kept, and the diligence displayed by their sketches and sermons. These brethren give promise of increasing usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

N. ALDRICH.

Rev. Messrs. Boinest, Hungerpeler and Houck were invited to a colloquium, in view of ordination—which being satisfactory it was *Resolved*, That they be ordained, in connection with the services of to-morrow.

Ministerium now adjourned with prayer by Bro. J. B. Lowman.

THIRD SESSION.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

After the usual introductory services by Bro. Muller, in the absence of the Secretary, Rev. N. Aldrich was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

Committee No. 1. on Sermons and Journals reported as follows:

The Committee appointed to examine the Sermons and Journals of Bro's. Sheely and Wertz, report with great pleasure, that the Sermons are very creditable productions, the subjects of which are well treated, the doctrines truly evangelical and presented in good style.

With reference to the Journals, however, the Committee regret that they cannot report so favorably; what purports to be Journals of their Ministerial labors for the past year, being nothing more than very brief skeletons, without any reference to the amount of labor performed. We hope that these brethren will observe, in future, more particularity in keeping their Journals.

Respectfully submitted

J. H. BAILEY,
E. DUFFORD.

Adopted.

The examining committee next reported.

The committee on examination respectfully report that they have attended to the examination of Bros. Hawkins and Bernheim, both students of our Seminary, recommended to this body for licensure. The examination, though limited for want of more time, was entirely satisfactory to your committee. They are accordingly herewith recommended for license.

L. EICHELBERGER,
L. MULLER,
G. HALTIWANGER.

Adopted.

Ordered, That Bros. Bernheim and Hawkins be licensed to-morrow immediately after divine service.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Bansemer.

FOURTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Ministerium opened with prayer by Bro. Berley.

The minutes of the two preceeding sessions were read and confirmed.

Bro. Kistler of Committee No. 3 on Sermons and Journals, presented the following report, which was adopted,

The committee appointed to examine and report on the Sermon and Journal of Bro. S. Bayly, submit the following report:

Your committee very much regret, that this brother has made such little progress in the requisite qualifications for future usefulness; and that he has been so inefficient in the great work of building up the church, and saving souls.

L. BEDENBAUGH.

P. KISTLER.

Resolved, That because of the inefficiency of Bro. S. Bayly his license be not renewed, and that the Corresponding Secretary address him a letter informing him of this fact.

The letter of Bro. Dailey of Monroeville, Ala., which was referred to the Ministerium, was considered, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary inform him that his license has not been renewed by this Ministerium.

Bro. B. Kreps was now invited to examination in view of becoming a Home Student.

Resolved, That he be received, and that he be referred to the Board of Directors of the Seminary.

The item referred to the Ministerium, from the report of the Committee on the President's Address was now considered; and on motion it was,

Resolved, * That said item be adopted.

Ministerium now adjourned with prayer by Rev. M. Rauch.

JOHN MARGART, Sec'y. of Ministerium.

* See Minutes of Synod, Rep. VI. Item II.

MINUTES

OF

SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Nov. 10, 1855.

Agreeable to a Resolution of the last meeting, the Pres't. informed the Society that he had appointed three members of the Society to address the Congregation at the present meeting.

In accordance with this appointment the exercises were commenced with singing and prayer by Rev. Dr. Eichelberger. Addresses were then delivered by Messrs. C. H. Bernheim, J. Hawkins and Rev. R. J. Hungerpeler. The President then called the Society to order, and the following persons paid the sums opposite their names to secure their membership.

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

J. Hawkins,	\$1 00	Amount brought over,	\$39 00
J. B. Counts,	1 00	Rev. A. Dufford,	1 00
H. H. Caughman,	1 00	“ R. J. Hungerpeler,	1 00
A. Wertz,	1 00	“ T. S. Boineest,	1 00
H. W. Rikard,	1 00	Mrs. M. M. Gallman,	1 00
Mrs. M. M. Houck,	1 00	“ C. Suber,	1 00
Jos. Carr,	1 00	“ M. A. King,	1 00
Jacob Nunnamaker,	1 00	“ S. Cromer,	1 00
J. B. Martin,	1 00	“ E. Rikard,	1 00
Mrs. E. C. Bernheim,	1 00	Rev. J. Kleckly,*	1 00
J. Hiller,	1 00	Gen. A. C. Garlington,	5 00
D. Biemann,	1 00	Rev. N. Aldrich,	3 00
W. F. Nigels,	1 00	“ L. Bedenbaugh,	2 00
Mrs. M. M. Riddlehuber,	1 00	“ J. H. W. Wertz,	1 00
“ S. E. Cromer,	1 00	“ W. A. Houck,	1 00
“ Barre,	1 00	“ C. H. Bernheim,	1 00
“ R. Bernhard,	5 00	H. H. Riser,	1 00
“ E. C. Berly,	1 00	T. W. Barber,	1 00
Rev. E. Hort,	1 00	Rev. B. F. Berry,	1 00
“ J. B. Anthony,	1 00	J. Lorick,	1 00
“ J. B. Lowman,	3 00	Mrs. M. Dufford,	1 00
“ Dilto,	(f. m.) 2 00	J. Setzler,	1 00
“ G. R. Haigler,	1 00	J. J. Dreher,	(f. m.) 2 00
“ M. Rauch,	(f. m.) 2 00	J. H. Counts,	1 00
“ Austin,	1 00	Mrs. E. Sligh,	1 00
“ Dr. Bachman,	5 00	Miss M. R. Suber,	1 00
“ J. Moser,	1 00	Mrs. L. Berly,	1 00
“ A. W. Lindler,	1 00		
		Total,	\$74 00
	39 00		

*Received after the adjournment of Synod.

The members of the congregation and others present, were earnestly solicited to come forward in aid of the funds of the Society by becoming Life Members, by the payment of twenty dollars, one half of which to be paid at the present meeting and the balance at the next meeting of the Society.

In compliance with which the following persons came forward and paid the amounts opposite their names.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Rev. J. H. Bailey, 1st Inst.	\$10 00	Amount brought over,	\$170 00
" E. Elmore, "	10 00	Rev. Dr. G. Muller, (in full)	20 00
" E. Caughman, "	10 00	Mr. F. C. Blum, 1st Inst.	10 00
" R. J. Hungerpeler, "	10 00	" M. Barre, "	10 00
" J. P. Margart, "	10 00	" S. Corley, "	10 00
" G. Haltiwanger, "	10 00	" J. B. Counts, "	10 00
Mr. P. Sligh, "	10 00	Rev. G. D. Bernheim, "	10 00
" J. F. Schirmer, "	10 00	" Dr. Bachman, "	10 00
Dr. Tedd, "	10 00	" Dr. Eichelberger, "	10 00
J. T. Thomas, "	10 00	" L. Muller, "	10 00
Miss M. A. Houseal, "	10 00	Mr. J. Wingard, "	10 00
Rev. T. S. Boinest, "	10 00	" H. Gallman, "	10 00
" S. Bouknight, "	10 00	" J. H. Kalb, "	10 00
" C. F. Bansemer, "	10 00	Mrs. M. A. Corley, "	10 00
" A. T. Karn, "	10 00	Dr. J. A. Berley, (in full)	20 00
" P. Kistler, (in full)	20 00	Mr. J. J. Dreher, ($\frac{1}{2}$ f. m.)	20 00
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	170 00	Total,	350 00

Rev. Messrs. Bailey and Karn were made Life Members by their respective congregations, and the Rev. P. Kistler by the members of Synod.

The Society being now fully organized, the following officers were duly elected :

President—Mr. J. F. SCHIRMER.

Vice-Presidents—Rev. J. BACHMAN, D. D., Rev. G. HALTIWANGER, and P. TODD, M. D.

Recording Secretary—Rev. J. P. MARGART.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. T. S. BOINEST.

Treasurer—Mr. J. J. DREHER.

Executive Committee—Revs. W. Berly, L. Eichelberger, D. D., J. H. Bailey, J. B. Anthony, Capt. J. H. Counts, and Mr. J. J. Dreher.

Congregational contributions were now called for, which are as follows:

CONGREGATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev. J. H. Bailey's, St. Michaels,	\$14 50	\$14 50
" W. Berley's, St. Andrews,	9 50	9 50
" " St. Stephen's cent society,		18 85
" *S. W. Bedenbaugh, Mt. Zion, ($\frac{1}{2}$ f. m.)		5 95
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Forward,		\$48 80

*Received after the adjournment of Synod.

Brought forward,		\$48 80
Rev. Dr. Bachman's, St. John's ch. Charleston,	30 00	
Sunday Schools,	50 00	
Colored Members,	10 68	90 68
Estate of Mrs. Anne Craudal,		8 55
Rev. Dr. Lowman's, St David's,	5 00	
St. John's,	7 35	
Bethel,	10 00	22 35
Rev. E. Caughman's Salem,	5 25	
Mt Cavalry, (males, 2 50, females, 1 50.)	4 00	9 25
Rev. W. A. Houck, Trinity,	28 87	
Pine Grove,	11 25	40 12
Rev. S. Bouknight's, St. Marks, males, (4.47 f. m.)	16 70	
" females, (3.65 f. m.)	5 40	22 10
Rev. R. J. Hungerpeler, Betheden,	25 00	
St. Mathews'	14 00	
Liberty Hill,	7 00	46 00
Rev. G. R. Haigler, St. Mathews' and Mt. Lebanon,		40 00
" J. Moser, Mt. Zion,		11 50
" T. S. Boinest, Bethlehem,	81 00	
Luther Chapel,	14 00	95 00
Rev. J. B. Anthony, Sandy Run church, H. M.		22 30
Theological Missionary Society,		13 00
Rev P. Kistler, Mount Pleasant,		9 00
" G. D. Bernheim, Zion's church,	25 00	
Sabath School, (f. m.)	20 00	
Colored members,	14 30	59 30
Rev. L. Bedenbaugh,		10 00
" E. B. Hort, Church collection,	4 94	
Individual subscription,	13 00	
Mr. G. V. Antwerp,	5 00	22 94
Rev. G. Haltiwanger, Jerusalem,	32 00	(7f. m.) 32 00
		599 89

FIRST CONFIDENTIAL DISTRICT, FOR HOME MISSIONS.

Coloney church,	\$ 6 23	
Mt. Zion,	5 40	
St. Paul's church,	7 20	
Bethlehem,	12 45	
St. Luke's,	9 00	
St. Mathew's,	8 25	
St. Andrews's,	20 75	71 28
Total,		671 27

SUMMARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 1855.

1. Annual Members,	\$ 74 00
2. Life Members,	350 00
3. Congregational contributions,	599 89
4. 1st Conferential District,	71 28
Total,	1095 17

Messrs. T. T. Thomas, F. C. Blum, and Jacob Nunamaker, were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasury.

The Corresponding Secretary presented his report, which was received, and on motion laid over for further action.

The Society now adjourned to meet again at the call of the President.

Prayer by brother C. H. Bernheim.

SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY, Nov. 13, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Society convened and was opened with prayer by Rev. G. Haltiwanger.

The Minutes of the preceeding Session were read and confirmed.

The Corresponding Secretary's report was now taken up and adopted.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Since the last meeting of the Society there has been two meetings of the Executive Committee; the first in December last, and the other in June. At these meetings appropriations were made to Rev. C. F. Bansemer at Walhalla, \$200. To bros. Brown, Warner, Stingly, Sheppard, and C. D. Austin \$60, each on condition that they would devote two months each to Missionary labor during the year. To brother Anthony \$100, on condition that he would labor at Orangeburg one-fourth of his time during the year; and \$100 to the church in St. Stephen's, which should be increased to \$200, if a suitable Pastor could be obtained. So that in all, no less than eleven Missionaries have been in the employ of the Society during the year now drawn to a close.

From most of the brethren in commission reports have been received, but we regret that in several instances brethren seem to have forgotten this part of their duty, which will prevent your Secretary from furnishing as full an account of our entire Missionary field as would be desirable.

Brother Bansemer has been laboring at his post, and writes in good spirits as to the success of his mission, notwithstanding the obstacles in his way, and thinks it should by no means be relinquished.

Brother Austin writes under date February 14th, that he has communicated to the Rev. Sheppard the proposition of the Executive Committee, and they both accede to it, and trust that in the Fall their report will become more favorable than was their last. Under date September 29th, he communicates the result of his and Brother Sheppard's meetings. They held some six or eight protracted meetings in the southern part of their field of labor, with a great deal of interest to the people, and he trusts with much interest to the church, and during which one new congregation was organized, thirty-one members received into the church, and several hopefully converted to God.

Brother Sheppard informs me in a private letter that he has organized two congregations in Scott county, where the name of Lutheran was scarcely known when he came to that State. I have, says he, six preaching places, and have been solicited to preach in Simpson county.

Brother Warner has accepted the proposal of the Executive Committee, and writes under date October 8th, an account of his and Brother Brown's labors, from which we learn that the prospects of our Lutheran Zion are quite encouraging. They held five protracted meetings, at most of which considerable interest was manifested, and at Winston, they had a gracious refreshing from the Lord; nine whites and eight colored were added to the

church, and nineteen converted to God. Brother W. has preached regularly during the year, at five different points. Through the constant exertion of our active Missionaries in Mississippi, and the blessing of the great head of the church, we have now a Lutheran Synod in Mississippi, numbering nine congregations.

The labors of Brother Anthony in Orangeburg, seem to have been blessed of God, for arrangements are already being made to build a house of worship there.

Rev. E. Dufford has taken the pastoral charge of Jerusalem church in St. Stephen's parish, and seems to have been laboring with some success. Several persons have been added to the church, and an interesting Sabbath School is in successful operation. Attendance upon the public service of the Sanctuary is very good.

The reports of Rev. G. D. Bernheim, Missionary of the upper wards in Charleston, inform us of a healthy state of affairs in that congregation. Several communicants have been added, a part of the church debt has been paid, and the church newly whitewashed and painted. The Sabbath School is represented as flourishing, and more pews have been rented. The weekly prayer meetings are well attended and considerable interest is manifested in them.

The church at Newberry has received the regular services of your Missionary there during the year, and has received an addition to its number of five communicants. The Sabbath School, though not large, has been regularly attended to, and when we consider that there are five churches open for divine service at the same hour in an inland town, the attendance may be considered very good.

Such is a brief summary of the state of our field and of the operations of the Society; but ere we bring the report to a close, your Secretary would request the Society to pass a resolution, reminding the Missionaries of their duty to make regular quarterly reports to this office, and requesting these reports to be made up to the first of January, April, July, and October.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. S. BOINEST,

Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society.

1. **Resolved*, That the expenses incurred by the Treasurer, amounting to \$25 75, in recovering some money belonging to this Society, which was accidentally lost whilst in the discharge of his duty, be refunded to him.

The following places were now recommended to the Society as deserving Missionary aid.

Rev. C. F. Bansemer presented the Station at Walhalla.

" G. R. Haigler presented the Station at Orangeburg.

" G. Haltiwanger presented Atlanta and Augusta, Ga.

Mr. W. F. Nigels presented Zion's church, Charleston, S. C.

Rev. E. Dufford presented St. Stephen's Parish.

" W. Berley presented Florida as a suitable field of labor.

" G. Haltiwanger presented the German Congregation in Savannah.

Rev. J. H. Hungerpeler presented the churches in Barnwell.

" N. Aldrich presented Aiken.

**The Treasurer, as an evidence of gratitude, immediately became a Life Member by the payment of \$20 00, and contributed \$5 00 towards the Life Membership of his Pastor, Rev. J. H. Bailey.*

2. *Resolved*, That the above places be referred to the Executive Committee.

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's account submitted the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT.

The Committee to whom were referred the account of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society respectfully report the same to be correct, and that the Treasurer has now in his possession a receipt for the payment mentioned in the report of committee at the Synod of last year, for which he then had no receipt.

J. T. THOMAS,
J. NUNAMAKER.
F. C. BLUM.

JOHN J. DREHER, *Treasurer, in account with Synodical Missionary Society of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States.*

1854.		Dr.
Nov. 14	To ballance in Bonds, Notes and Cash at adjournment of Synod held in Mount Pilgrim church, Coweta County, Ga.	\$2,588 22
Nov. 10	To whole amount of interst received from Nov. 14th 1854, to Nov. 10, 1855,	77 00
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		\$2,665 22
	Deduct Payments,	\$894 65½
Nov. 10	Balance in hands of Treasurer,	<hr/>
		\$1,177 56½

JOHN J. DREHER, *Treasurer, in account with Synodical Missionary Society, &c.*

1854.		Cr.
Nov. 14	Paid Rev. J. D. Bernheim,	\$ 100 00
" 21	Paid Rev. W. Berly for Rev. S. R. Sheppard,	110 00
1855.		
Jan. 22	Paid for check sent to Rev. J. T. Warner,	160 00
" "	Paid for check sent to Rev. J. H. Brown,	110 00
Feb. 22	Paid for check sent to Rev. C. D. Austin,	110 00
March, 30	Paid to J. Wingard, Esq., for Rev. G. D. Bernheim,	100 00
Aug. 4	Paid for check sent to Martin Buehler, Esq., for Foreign Missions,	201 41½
Oct. 23	Paid Rev. J. H. Baily, per order,	3 24
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		\$894 65½
Nov. 10	Balance in hands of Treasurer in bonds and note,	1,734 29
" "	Balance in hands of Treasurer in cash,	36 27½
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		\$1,770 56½

JOHN J. DREHER, *Treasurer.*

The Society now adjourned to meet at the call of the President.
Prayer by the Rev. E. Dufford.

THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 14th, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The minutes of yesterday were read and Confirmed. The Executive Committee presented their report, which was considered by items, and finally adopted.

REPORT.

The Executive Committee, to whom were referred the applications for aid from this Society, have had the various fields under consideration, and have concurred in recommending the following appropriations, viz: That \$200 be appropriated to Walhalla; to Orangeburg \$300, on condition that Brother J. Hawkins operate there; \$300 to Augusta, on condition that Brother C. H. Bernheim operate there; to Brother Bernheim in Charleston, on condition that this be the last application, \$100; to St. Stephen's Parish, \$100, provided Brother Dufford serve them this year; to the churches in Barnwell \$100, with the understanding that Brother Berry serves them; to the German Mission in Savannah, \$200 for the past year's deficiency, and \$30 per month to Brother Kistler, to labor as a Missionary in Florida, commencing Jan. 1st, 1856, and closing at the next meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. BERLY,
J. B. ANTHONY,
L. EICHELBERGER,
J. H. COUNTS.

T. S. BOINEST, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Resolved, That each Missionary be required to report to the Corresponding Secretary the time at which he enters upon his duties, and that regular reports of his labors, made up to the 1st of January, April, July, and October, be forwarded to the proper officer, and in his failure to make such reports he shall forfeit his appropriation.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary give quarterly extracts from the reports of the labors of our Missionaries, for publication in the Lutheran Observer.

Resolved, That the Station in Atlanta, in Georgia, be referred to the Executive Committee.

Resolved, That the Stations in Aiken and Graniteville, be also referred to the Executive Committee.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of our Society be instructed to forward, as early as convenient, to the Treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Society, all funds in his hands appropriated for that purpose.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to send a copy of the Minutes of the proceedings of this Society to the proper officer of the Home Missionary Society of the General Synod.

Resolved, That the President be requested to procure three persons to deliver addresses at our next annual meeting, instead of the usual sermon.

Adjourned, to meet at Mount Calvary church, Edgefield District, South Carolina, on Saturday before the second Sabbath in Nov. next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN MARGART, *Sec. of Syn. Miss. Society.*

MINUTES

Of the Society for the relief of disabled Ministers, and of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Ministers, in connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and Adjacent States.

MONDAY, Nov. 12, 1855.

This Society met at Bethlehem church, Newberry District, S. C., and the President, Mr. Jos. Wingard, took the chair.

The following amounts were now paid as annual subscriptions and Life Memberships :

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Dr. P. Todd,	\$3 00	Dr. G. Muller,	\$3 00
Mr. S. Corley,	3 00	Rev. L. Muller,	3 00
Rev. E. Caughman,	3 00	“ L. Eichelberger, D. D.	3 00
Total,			\$18 00

LIFE MEMBERS.

Rev. Dr. Bachman, by his Sunday School,	\$30 00
Mr. Robert Chisolm, 1st and 2nd installments,	20 00
Rev. R. J. Hungerpeler, by his churches,	30 00
Mr. F. C. Blum, 1st installment,	10 00
Rev. J. B. Anthony, by Sandy Run church,	30 00
Mr. J. B. Counts, 1st installment,	10 00
“ Jos. Wingard, by Mrs. Muller's family,	35 00
Rev. E. Dufford, 1st installment,	10 00
“ E. B. Hort, by his church,	32 18
“ T. S. Boinest, by Bethlehem church,	30 00
“ G. Haltiwanger, by Ebenezer church,	30 00
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The Society next proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. JOS WINGARD, *President.*

Rev. Dr. BACHMAN, *Vice-President.*

Rev. T. S. BOINEST, *Secretary.*

Dr. P. TODD, *Treasurer.*

Executive Committee.—Mr. T. F. SCHIRMER, Dr. G. MULLER, Messrs, J. B. COUNTS, S. CORLEY, and Rev. E. B. HORT.



